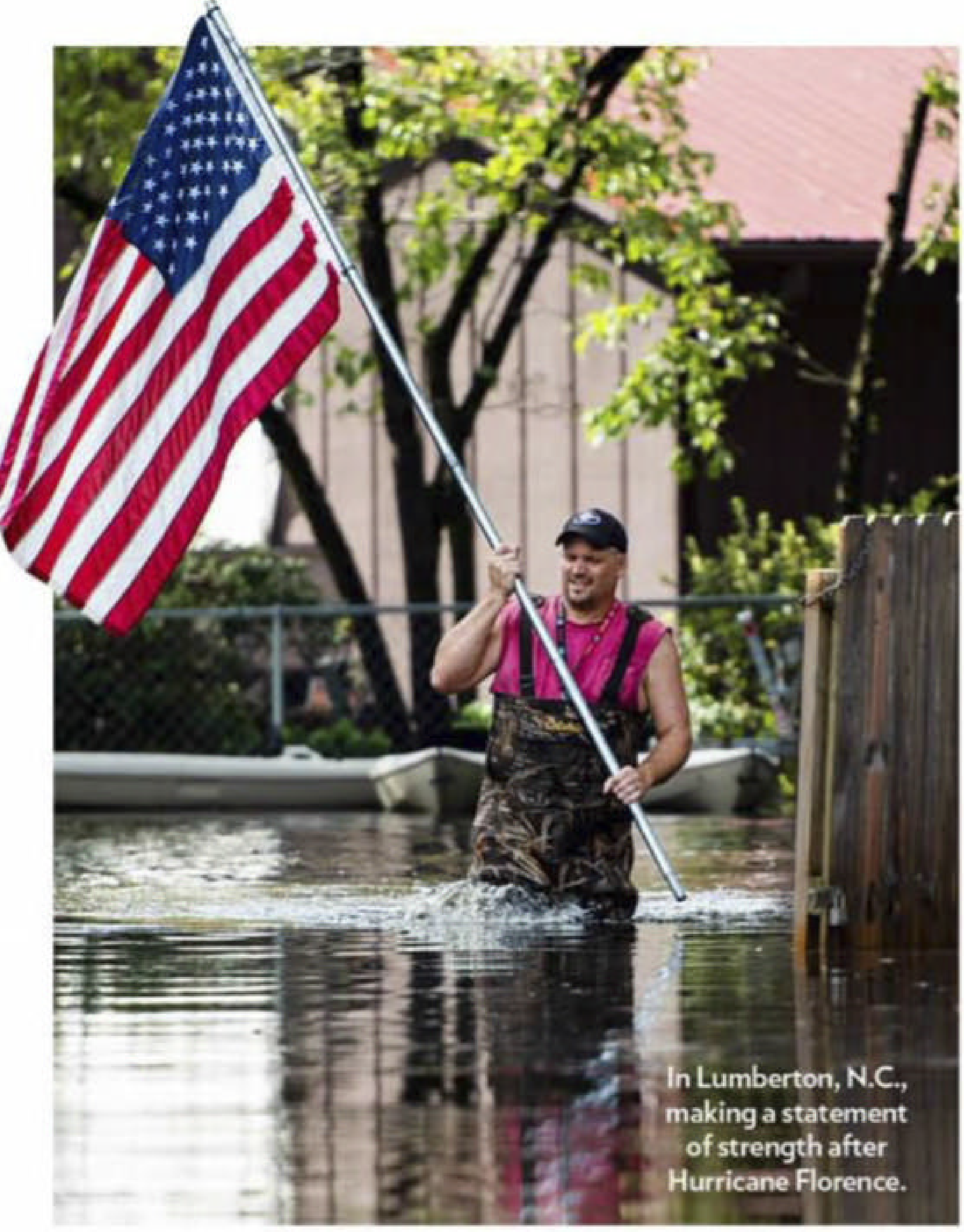

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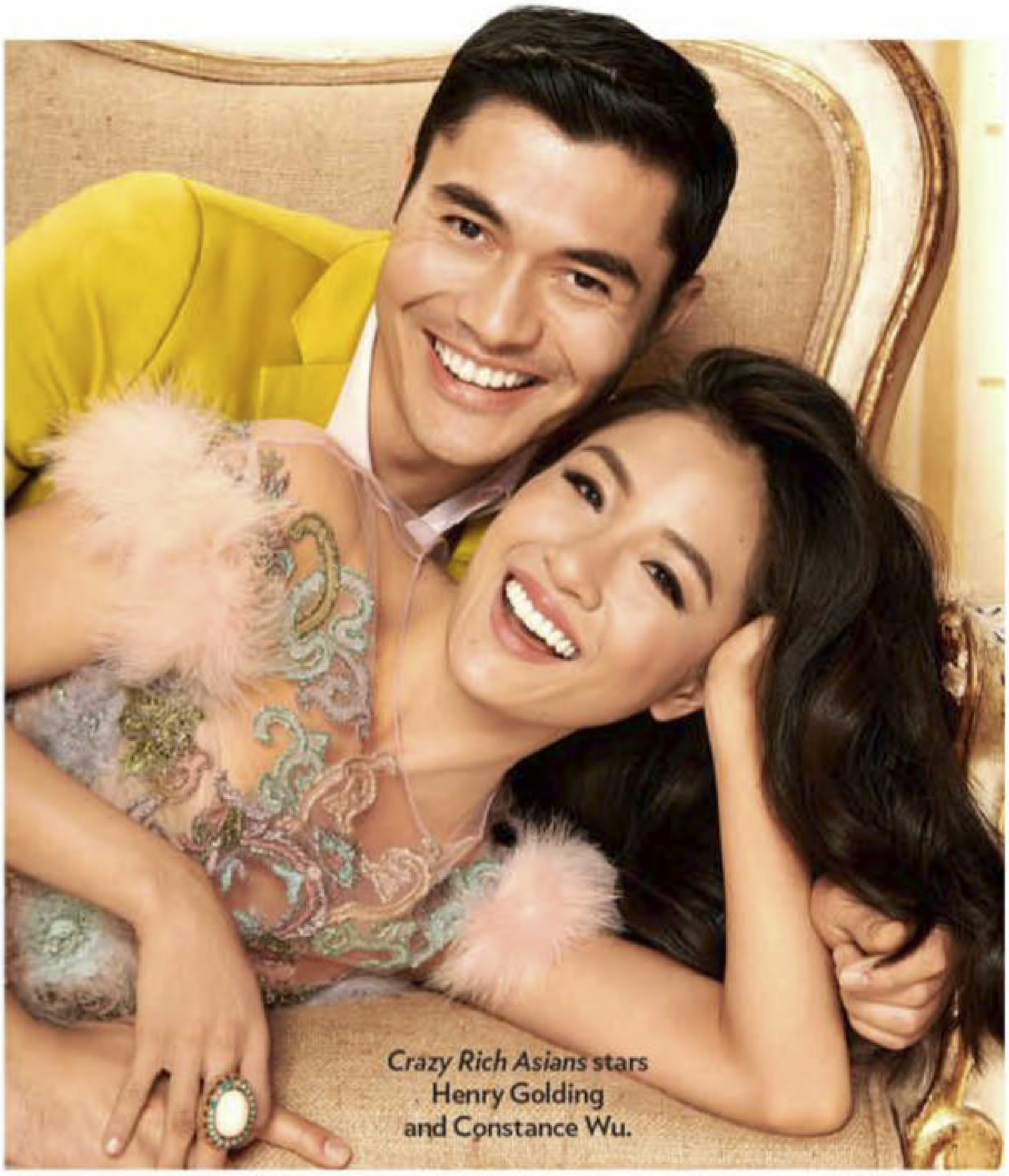

Crazy Rich Asians stars Henry Golding and Constance Wu.

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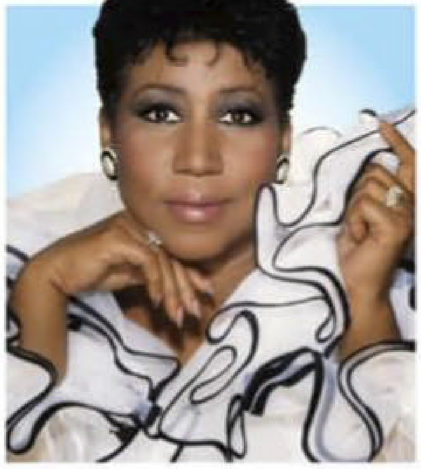

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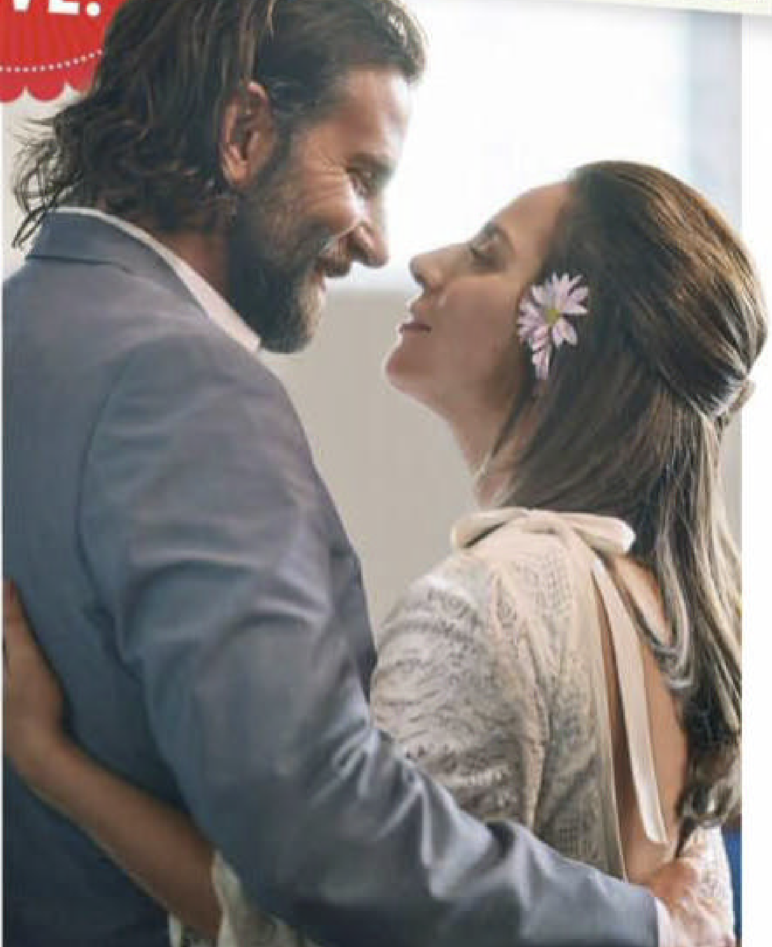

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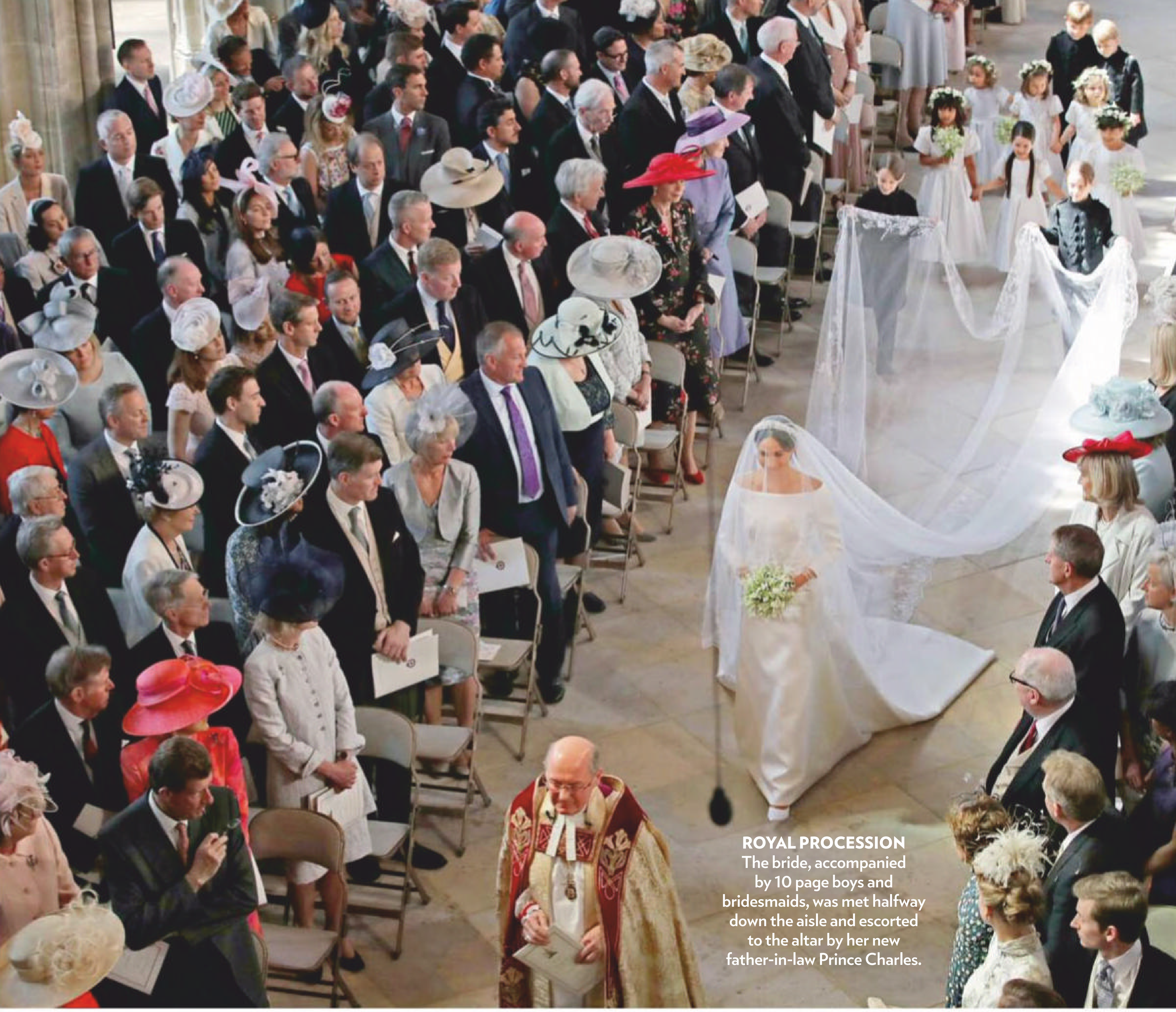
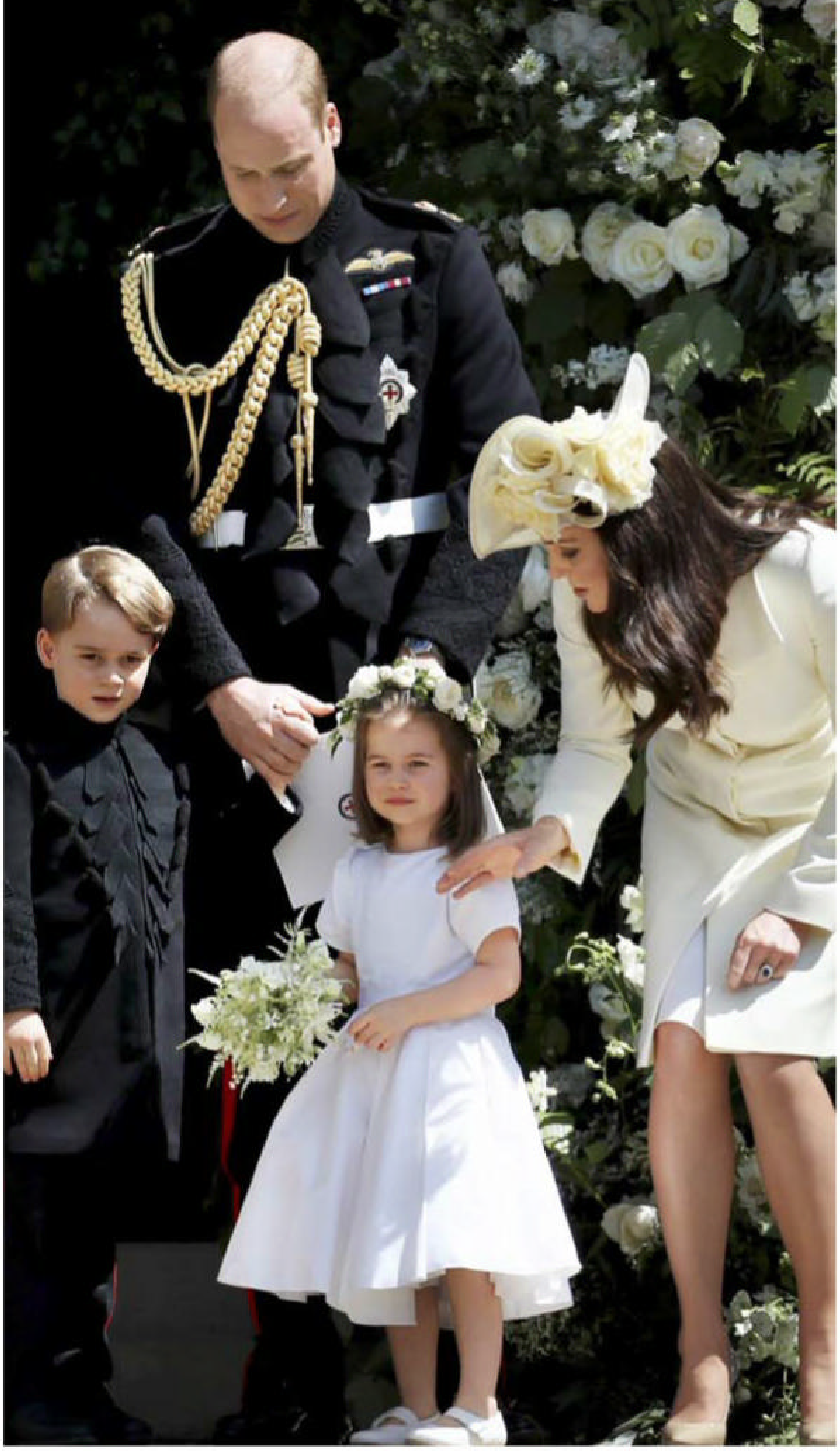


ROYAL PROCESSION
The bride, accompanied by 10 page boys and bridesmaids, was met halfway down the aisle and escorted to the altar by her new father-in-law Prince Charles.

HARRY AND MEGHAN'S GLORIOUS DAY ◆ MAY 19

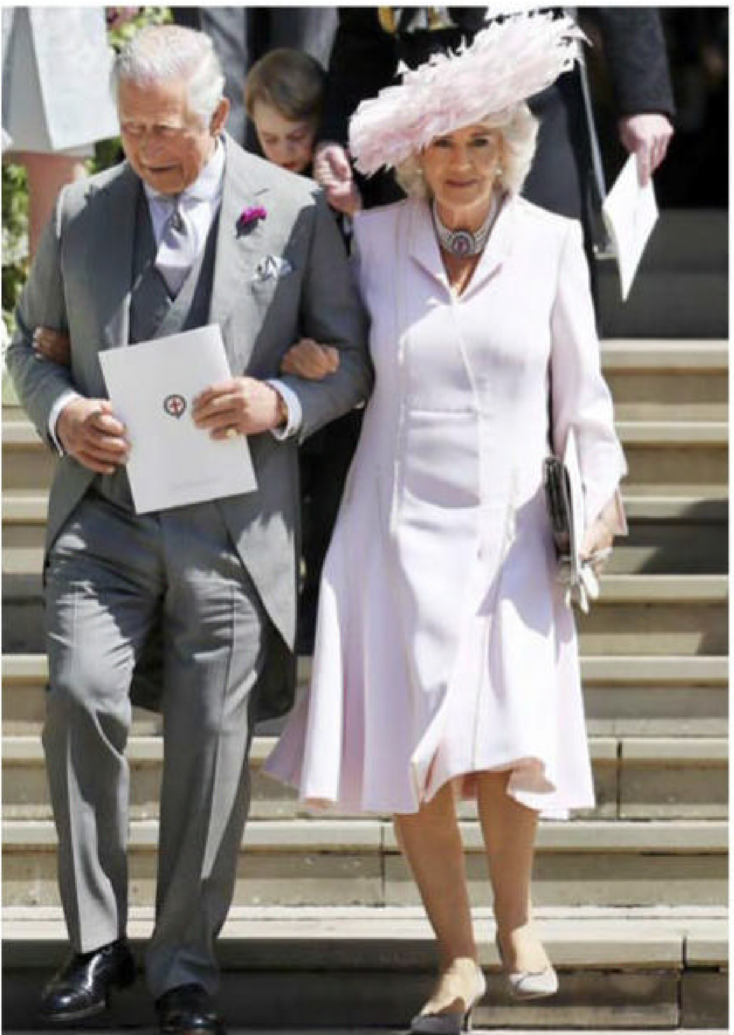
"IT WAS," SAID A GUEST, "THE STUFF OF FAIRY TALES." So it certainly seemed when, as if on cue, the sun burst through the windows of the 500-year-old St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle and shone on Meghan Markle as she entered the sanctuary and walked unescorted down the aisle, her Givenchy gown's trailing 16-ft. veil shimmering in the heavenly light. Touchingly human moments vied with the celestial. And the historic. "Thanks, Pa," Prince Harry said, wiping a tear when his father, Prince Charles, then escorted the bride the rest of the way up the aisle. Markle, a California-born actress and, on her mother's side, a descendant of an American slave, was about to marry into the world's most storied monarchy. With his 92-year-old grandmother Queen Elizabeth II as well as Hollywood royal Oprah Winfrey and the cast of Meghan's final gig, the USA Network show *Suits,* looking on, a clearly besotted Harry lifted her veil. "You look amazing," he whispered. "I'm so lucky." In a ceremony that honored both their backgrounds, a gospel choir sang Ben

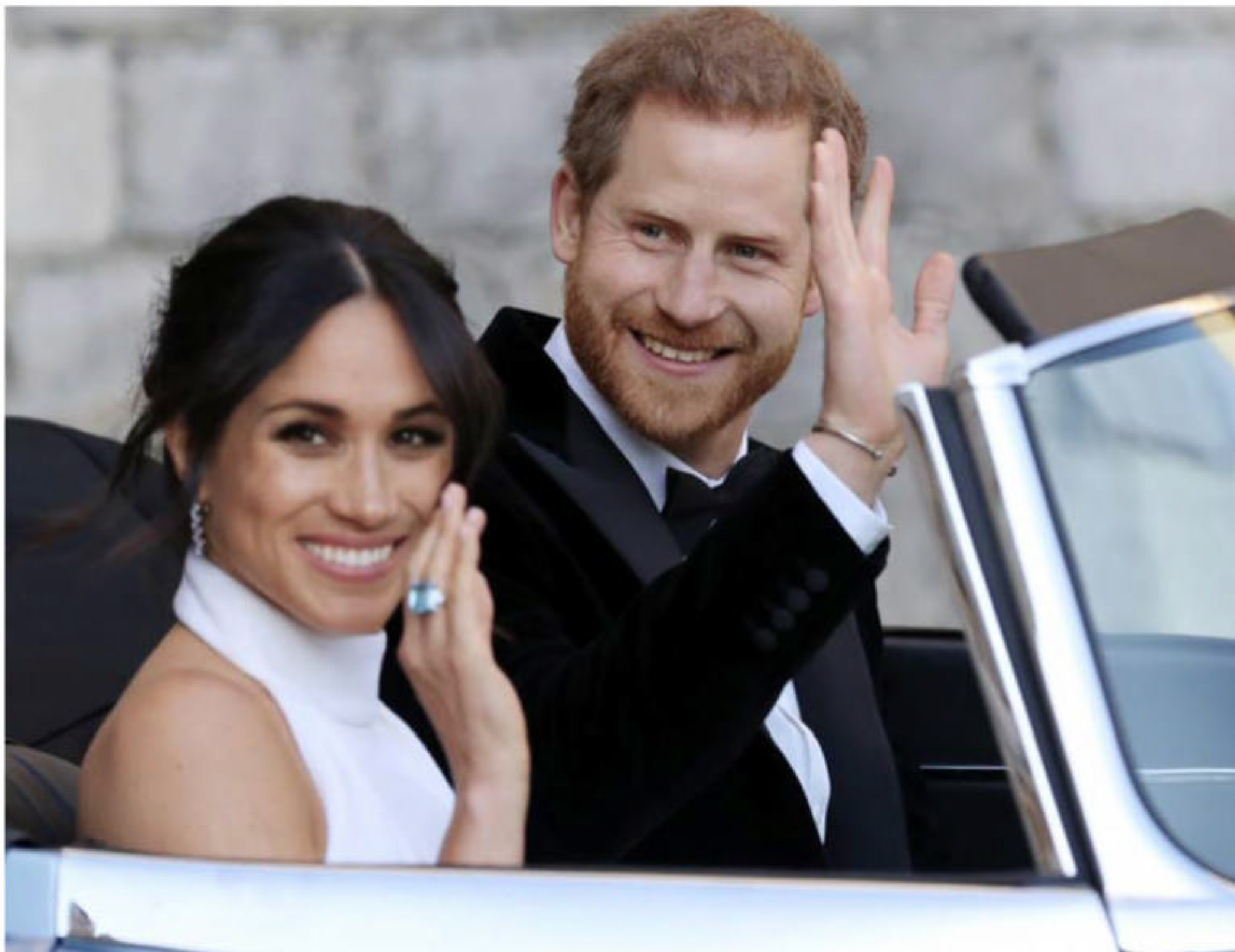


SUPERMOM
Barely a month after giving birth, Princess Kate made her first official public appearance, at her brother-in-law's wedding. Bridesmaid Charlotte, page George and best man William (in a Blues and Royals uniform) all performed nuptial duties.

ALL IN THE FAMILY
Spying Meghan's mom, Doria Ragland (below left), alone as he exited the chapel with Camilla, Prince Charles offered his arm and escorted her down the steps. "It was an incredibly beautiful touch," a guest said.

PRINCE OF RIDES
The new Windsor wife swapped her Givenchy gown for a Stella McCartney halter dress before Harry drove a vintage Jaguar (below) to the reception at Frogmore House, where Prince William gave "a classic best man speech," a guest noted.





NEWLYWEDS

IRISH AYES
During the newlyweds' first royal tour, Meghan (with Harry in July at a Dublin hurling pitch, above) made headlines when she said she was "pleased with the result" of Ireland's recent referendum to legalize abortion.

KID AT HEART
Five-year-old Luke Vincent captivated the parents-to-be when they arrived in Dubbo, Australia, on Oct. 17.

PASSING MUSTER
"She's doing amazing," a pal said of Meghan (in Dior at a July 10 "flyover" event with the Queen honoring the Royal Air Force).

E. King's 1961 R&B classic "Stand by Me," and the stone chapel rang with a rousing sermon delivered by Chicago Episcopal bishop Michael Curry, who preached about "the power of love." From the moment the newlyweds departed the wedding chapel in an Ascot landau carriage, the fairy tale continued for the prince and the newly anointed Duchess of Sussex. She made the tricky turn from commoner to instant royal with aplomb. There were bumps as she navigated the byzantine do's and don'ts of palace protocols: Some royal traditionalists sniffed when she wore an off-the-shoulder Carolina Herrera dress for her first Buckingham Palace balcony appearance, or when she let her long hair loose on a blustery day during her first official outing with the Queen in June. But her minor missteps were judged "rather endearing" by one palace watcher. Certainly all was forgiven when she and Harry shared some joyous news. On a swing through Australia in October, Harry said at a Sydney reception that they "couldn't think of a better place to announce the upcoming baby," looking over to Meghan and appearing slightly nervous. "Be it a boy or a girl."

TOGETHER
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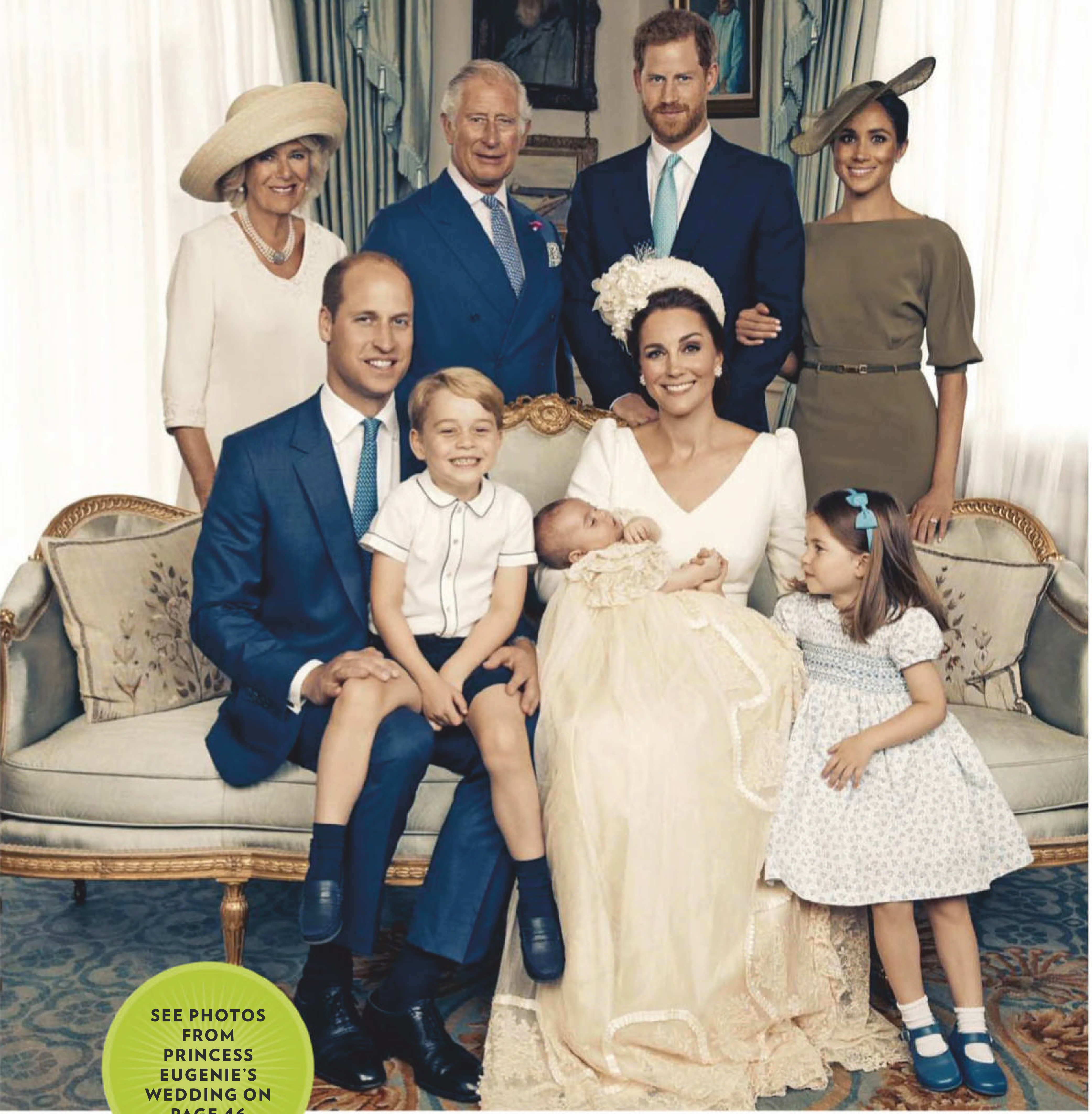
HELPING HAND
In September Meghan pitched in at London's Muslim Cultural Heritage Center kitchen and helped publish its cookbook (above) to aid survivors of the devastating 2017 Grenfell apartment tower fire.



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WELCOME, PRINCE LOUIS ◆ JULY 9

EARLY ON A SPRING DAY THAT LEFT THE Queen wreathed in smiles, the royal family welcomed a new addition: At 6 a.m. April 23, Princess Kate checked into London's St. Mary's Hospital. At 11:01 a.m. Her Royal Highness was, the palace reported, "safely delivered of a son." At 6 p.m., after introducing the newborn to siblings Prince George, 4, and Princess Charlotte, 3—fetched from home by dutiful dad William—Kate exited the hospital a mere 12 hours after arrival, cradling the 8-lb. 7-oz. royal bundle. At his christening ceremony on July 9, Prince Louis Arthur Charles made his first public appearance since leaving the hospital. To mark the occasion, the family pressed pause long enough to pose for the formal portrait above. As her infant dozed, Kate shared a simple wish: "Let's hope he stays like this!"

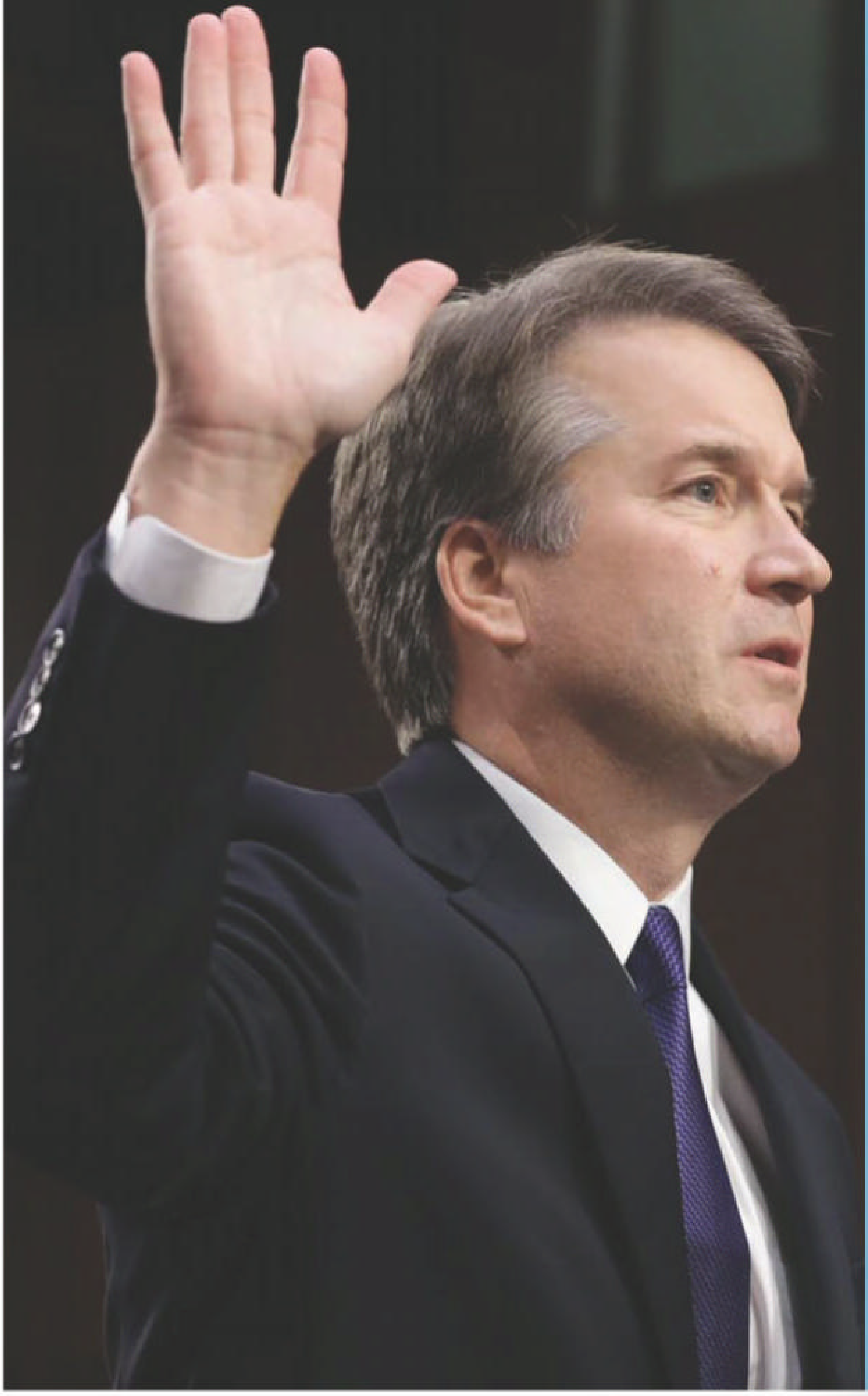
FAMILY JOY
Big brother George and (clockwise, opposite page) William, Camilla, Charles, Harry, Meghan and Charlotte gathered round newly christened Prince Louis and mom Kate in July.

PURPLE REIGN
Among Kate's first post-maternity leave engagements was a mental-health summit in London Oct. 9.

ANOTHER ROYAL WEDDING
In September the Queen's third cousin Lord Ivar Mountbatten wed James Coyle (left, with pup Rosie) in the family's first same-sex union. At the Devon ceremony, Lord Ivar's ex-wife Penny walked him down the aisle.

‘A MIGHTY CHORUS’ ◆ MARCH 4

DURING A YEAR WHEN THE VOICES of women across the land were raised to what Ashley Judd termed “a mighty chorus,” the #MeToo movement took center stage at the Academy Awards. One of the night’s dramatic moments starred Judd (left), Annabella Sciorra and Salma Hayek, whose accusations of sexual misconduct against powerful producer Harvey Weinstein shocked Hollywood, helped fuel the movement and led to his indictment this year. The trio introduced a film montage featuring testimony from Mira Sorvino, another Weinstein accuser, and a diverse group of other women who, in Hayek’s words, “kicked ass and broke through biased perceptions against their gender, race and ethnicity to tell their stories.”



SCOTUS SHOWDOWN ◆ SEPT. 27

NOT SINCE THE CLARENCE Thomas-Anita Hill hearings of 1991 had sexual politics so dominated a Supreme Court confirmation. Before a rapt nation, psychology professor Christine Blasey Ford delivered searing Senate testimony on Sept. 26 alleging nominee Brett Kavanaugh had sexually assaulted her when they were teenagers. For coming forward, Ford endured death threats, forcing her into hiding. In a fiery denial, Kavanaugh called the accusation an "orchestrated political hit." Despite massive protests against him, Kavanaugh was narrowly confirmed, demonstrating the power and limits of #MeToo.

Dr. Christine Blasey Ford

COSBY GOES AWAY ◆ SEPT. 25

KNOWN AS AMERICA'S DAD for his 1980s sitcom portrayal of wise, whimsical Cliff Huxtable, Bill Cosby is now a convict. In a Norristown, Pa., courtroom Cosby, 81, was cuffed and led away to spend the 3 to 10 years in state prison for aggravated indecent assault, 14 years after Andrea Constand, an ex-basketball player who once considered him a mentor, first accused him of drugging and raping her; she is one of some 60 women with similar claims. "Bill Cosby took my beautiful, healthy young spirit and crushed it," Constand (inset, center) wrote in a statement. Declared Judge Steven T. O'Neill before pronouncing sentence: "It is time for justice."

PARENTAL PRIDE ◆ SEPT. 17

EVERYONE SAYS IT'S AN HONOR just to be nominated. For *Killing Eve* star Sandra Oh, it was history-making as she became the first woman of Asian descent up for the Outstanding Actress in a Drama award. The longtime *Grey's Anatomy* favorite (who brought her parents, Oh Junsu and Jeon Young-nam, to share the big night) lost out to *The Crown's* Claire Foy. Even so, Oh told *People* that she recognized her nomination's true significance: "The disconnect I remember feeling at [age 10], the feeling of not belonging, if there's a way of changing that . . . of saying to a young girl, 'You can do this,' I hope to be a part of that."

GET UP, STAND UP ◆ MARCH 4

NOT ONE TO STAND ON Academy Awards show ceremony, Frances McDormand, after winning Best Actress for playing the confrontational grieving mother in *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri,* plunked her Oscar statuette on the stage floor and urged all women nominees—in all categories—to get to their feet. She then issued a challenge to Hollywood's power elite, exhorting them to fully embrace female talent. "We all have stories to tell and projects we need financed," she said. Before exiting with a call for "inclusion riders"—contract provisions assuring diversity in hiring—she held up her husband, Joel Coen, and son Pedro as "stalwart individuals [who] were well-raised by their feminist mothers. They value themselves, each other and those around them."

HAIL, JORDAN! ◆ MARCH 4

"I THOUGHT NO ONE WOULD ever make this movie," said Jordan Peele (right, with presenter Nicole Kidman) of the low-budget horror satire *Get Out,* which made him the first African American to win an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay. The story of a young black man (Daniel Kaluuya) who visits his white girlfriend's family—"It's the horror version of *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner,*" Peele told *People*—grossed more than $250 million. "Reality feels more and more like some kind of simulation," said Peele, who has a son with actress wife Chelsea Peretti. "Like when things work out too perfectly."

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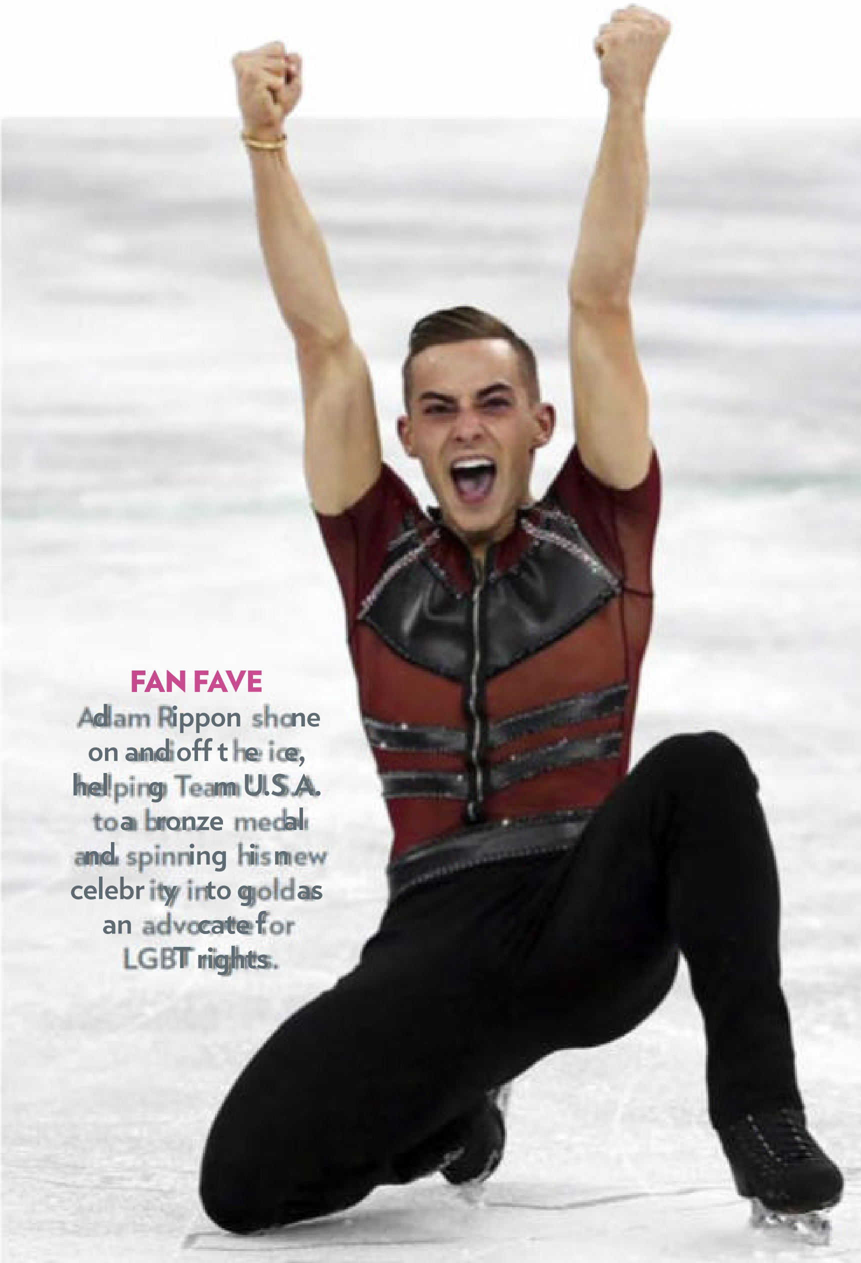
GOLDEN GIRL
With her South Korean-born parents cheering, California snowboarder Chloe Kim, 18, won the hearts of locals—along with gold for the U.S.A.

WINTER WONDERS IN PYEONGCHANG ◆ FEB. 9-25

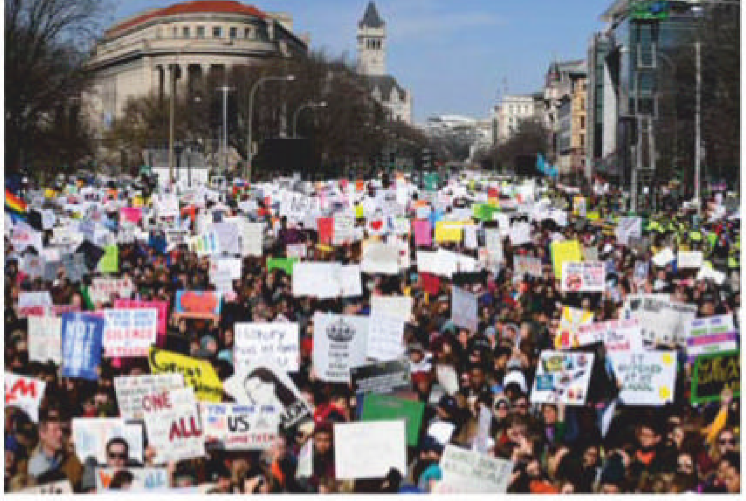
WITH THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD GATHERED in February for the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea, just 50 miles south of the host country's heavily defended border with its longtime missile-testing enemy neighbor North Korea, it seemed the Games might begin with the lighting not of the Flame but of a fuse. In a surprise gesture of goodwill, however, the North's wildly unpredictable dictator, Kim Jong Un, dispatched a delegation of athletes to march in the opening ceremonies and compete. Tensions dispelled, the Games became what they are meant to be: dramatic matchups between national teams and their best-on-earth athletes. The event was slightly marred after the entire Russian team was banned outright, as a result of state-sponsored doping at the 2014 Sochi Olympics (individuals were allowed to compete under the awkward banner "Olympic Athletes from Russia"). Even the mesmerizing but low-impact sport of curling was rocked by news that a Russian tested positive for a banned performance-enhancing substance. But for Team U.S.A.'s untarnished winter athletes, who finished fourth in the overall medal count, PyeongChang offered a mosaic of timeless—and golden—Olympic moments.

SPINNING HISTORY
Californian Mirai Nagasu, 25, became the first U.S. woman to land a triple axel in the Olympics.

GOLD ON ICE
The U.S. women's hockey team lost a heartbreaker to Canada in 2014 but this year claimed victory over its archrival.



FAN FAVE
Adam Rippon shone on and off the ice, helping Team U.S.A. to a bronze medal and spinning his new celebrity into gold as an advocate for LGBT rights.



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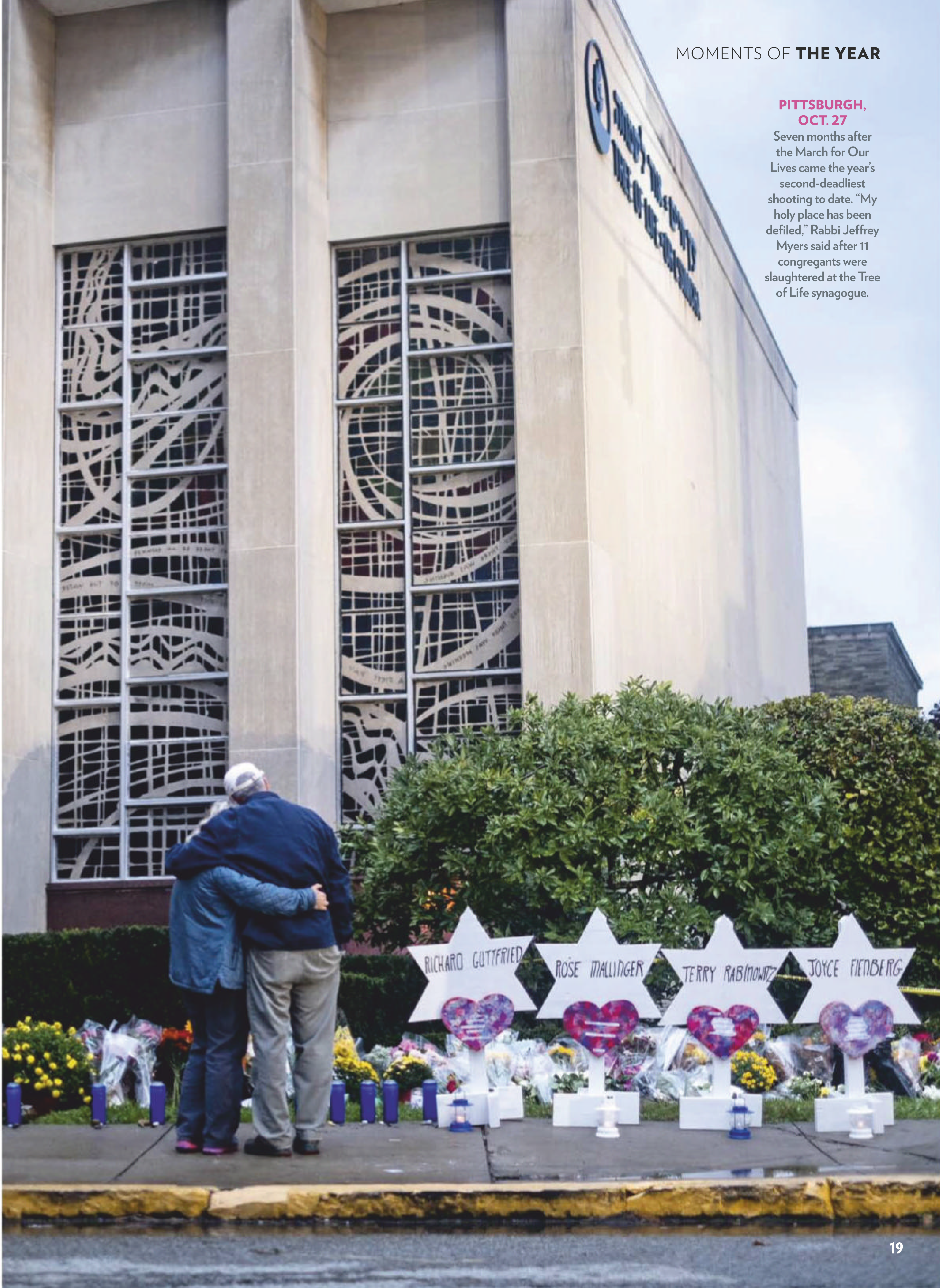
ANOTHER YEAR OF GUN VIOLENCE—AND A NEW, HOPEFUL RESPONSE

ON ST. VALENTINE'S DAY, A 19-YEAR-OLD EXPELLED STUDENT allegedly carried a Smith & Wesson M&P assault rifle into Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.; then, with icy efficiency, witnesses said, opened fire on his former schoolmates and teachers, leaving 17 dead. Rites of mourning that followed seemed as sadly familiar as the murders themselves. But as "thoughts and prayers" flooded in from politicians who took no action, a vocal group of the surviving students did something unfamiliar. They launched a nationwide movement to protest gun violence and to change laws to keep military-assault rifles out of the hands of people like the Feb. 14 shooter, who had legally purchased an AR-15 despite a history of racist, threatening Internet posts and disturbing behavior repeatedly reported to authorities. The teens' activism culminated March 24 in the massive, emotional March for Our Lives in Washington, D.C., and in marches that day around the country. "Fight for your lives," Parkland survivor Emma Gonzalez exhorted listeners, "before it's someone else's job." Tragically, three months later, 10 students and teachers at Santa Fe High School in Texas were slaughtered by another heavily armed teenager. Then on Oct. 27 a man who had spread hate speech on social media allegedly walked into Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue wielding an assault rifle similar to the one used at Parkland, shouted "All Jews must die!" and murdered 11 worshippers aged 54 to 97. The Sabbath attack—the deadliest anti-Semitic violence committed on U.S. soil—brought the number of mass shootings in the U.S. to 294 this year alone, with the total continuing to climb since.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH
Top left: Parkland activists (from left) Jaclyn Corin, Alex Winn, Emma Gonzalez, Cameron Kasky and David Hogg.

STAR POWER
Above, from top: A crowd estimated at 800,000 rallied for the March for Our Lives in Washington, D.C. Jennifer Hudson attended in Washington, and Paul McCartney did at another march in New York City.


RICHARD GOTTFRIED
ROSE MALLINGER
TERRY RABINOWITZ
JOYCE FIENBERG

PITTSBURGH, OCT. 27
Seven months after the March for Our Lives came the year's second-deadliest shooting to date. "My holy place has been defiled," Rabbi Jeffrey Myers said after 11 congregants were slaughtered at the Tree of Life synagogue.

SIZING HIM UP
Visiting Britain in July, Trump called Queen Elizabeth "absolutely a terrific person." Many noted he was 10 minutes late to their meeting and at one point turned his back on the 92-year-old monarch.

TRUMP'S BUMPY RIDE

WHEN HE WASN'T TWEETING—or meeting with world luminaries—President Donald Trump careened between crises. Special counsel Robert Mueller's probe of Russian meddling in the 2016 election led to the convictions of Trump campaign chair Paul Manafort and former lawyer Michael Cohen, both of whom agreed to cooperate with investigators. Exposés by Michael Wolff and Bob Woodward told of chaos in the White House. Trump's alleged ex-paramours Stormy Daniels and Karen McDougal sued to get out of contracts keeping them silent. But POTUS remained defiant, rallying his base before the midterm elections. When bombs were sent in October to his critics, including former Presidents Clinton and Obama, he lamented in a Tweet: "Republicans are doing so well in early voting, and at the polls, and now this 'Bomb' stuff happens and the momentum greatly slows—news not talking politics."

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CAN YOU DIG IT?

Above left: French president Emmanuel Macron brought the gift of a tree from a World War I site where many Americans gave their lives.

MADE FOR EACH OTHER?

Above right: "We fell in love," Trump said of his historic June meeting with North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un, who made vague promises to curtail his nuclear program.

VLAD HANDING

Left: POTUS "abased himself…abjectly before a tyrant," the late Sen. John McCain said of Trump's deference to Vladimir Putin at July's Helsinki summit.

THE NEW REALITY

Above: Kim Kardashian, and later her husband, Kanye West (left), lobbied Trump for prison reform. In a profanity-laced Oval Office monologue, West said wearing the red MAGA hat "made me feel like Superman."

A POLARIZING POLICY
Migrants are marched through a Tijuana processing center. Melania (top right) said the controversial message on her jacket was aimed at "the left-wing media who are criticizing me." Above: President Trump (with Homeland Security Secretary Kristjen Nielsen and Vice President Mike Pence) signs a June order ostensibly ending border separations of migrant children from their parents.

FAMILIES TORN APART AT THE BORDER

THE MIGRANT CHILDREN WERE AWAKENED in the dead of night and carted hundreds of miles, sometimes more, to the border town of Tornillo, Texas. There, more than 2,000 of them (some of whom had arrived unlawfully, others seeking asylum) were separated from their mothers and fathers and confined to a cheerless tent city. There was no school, and many had insufficient access to legal aid. Some kids were held in cagelike conditions at a facility nicknamed the Dog Kennel. The sight of crying toddlers torn from their parents was widely condemned by children's health and welfare organizations. It didn't help when First Lady Melania Trump, an immigrant herself, was sent to Texas as a goodwill ambassador wearing a khaki jacket emblazoned with the words "I REALLY DON'T CARE, DO U?" A court ordered the Administration to start reuniting families, but scores of children remain in limbo, lonely and scared.

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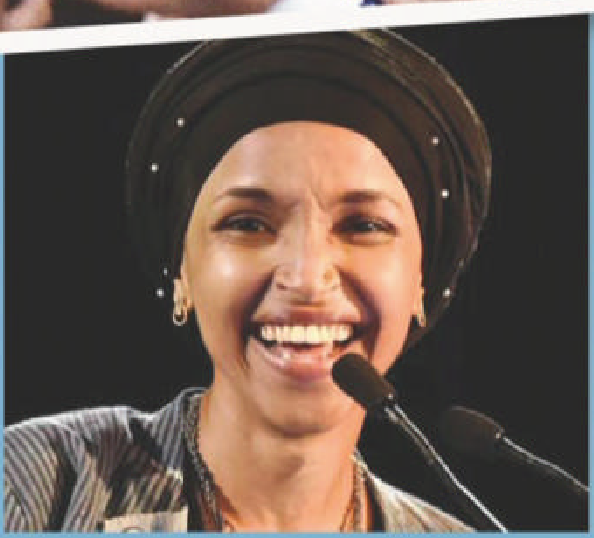
▲ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ
At 29, the youngest woman elected to the House will represent part of N.Y.C. as a Democratic Socialist.

◀SHARICE DAVIDS
With New Mexico's Deb Haaland, she'll be one of only two Native American women in Congress. She's also Kansas's first LGBT rep.

A WOMEN'S WAVE ◆ NOV. 6

AFTER NEARLY TWO YEARS of one-party rule in Washington, D.C., an energized Democratic party took back the House of Representatives in the midterm elections, an effort led largely by female and history-making candidates, with women voting blue by a 59-40 margin. "Thanks to you, tomorrow will be a new day in America," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, likely to again wield the Speaker's gavel when Congress convenes in January with a record 118 women of both parties serving. Before all the votes were counted, pundits asked what the shift portends for President Trump: A subpoena of his tax returns? Impeachment? (Pelosi said that would need GOP support.) But it wasn't all bad news for Trump's party: The GOP grew its Senate majority, with many candidates he stumped for winning. A split Congress reflected a divided country, but the President professed optimism the morning after. "The election's over," Trump said. "Now everybody is in love."



ILHAN OMAR
A refugee from Somalia, she was raised in Minneapolis, which the mom of three will now represent in Washington.

RASHIDA TLAIB
Along with Omar, the Detroit native is among the first two Muslim women elected to Congress.

ABBY FINKENAUER
Finkenauer, 29 (just a few months off Ocasio-Cortez's record), and Cindy Axne are Iowa's first female U.S. Representatives-elect.

AYANNA PRESSLEY
The Boston City Council member is the first African-American woman to represent Massachusetts in the House.

J.LO LIGHTS UP THE VMAs ◆ AUG. 20

"USED TO HAVE A LITTLE, now I have a lot," Jennifer Lopez sang during a career-spanning hits medley, partly performed on a train resembling the N.Y.C. subway's No. 6 that she rode from obscurity in her native Bronx more than two decades ago. At 49, the hyphens-exhausting singer-actor-dancer-producer-fashion icon and Latina force of nature brought it all to MTV's annual Music Video Awards show in New York's Radio City Music Hall. Following her powerhouse performance she was presented with the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award for Lifetime Achievement. "It has been an incredible journey of dreaming my wildest dreams," she said in an emotional, exuberant acceptance speech, "and then kinda watching them come true."

STORM SAMARITANS
As happens so often in natural disasters, volunteers stepped up—coming from all over North Carolina and beyond to help rescue residents and pets in areas flooded by Florence's storm surge.

FLORENCE'S FURY ◆ SEPT. 14

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE claimed "the storm of a lifetime" would make landfall in mid-September. Hurricane Florence delivered, dumping an astounding 10 trillion gallons of rainfall on the Carolinas and Virginia. At least 50 people lost their lives, and estimates of the financial cost run from $38 billion to $50 billion dollars—which could go higher. The cost to human health may be greater still, as many containment facilities for animal waste, coal ash and other toxic substances overflowed into communities. Scientists said the storm's size was stoked by climate change. Warming ocean temperature "fuels storms of all sorts and contributes to very heavy rain events and flooding," Kevin Trenberth, a senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research explained to CNN. The waters that gave rise to Florence were more than two-and-a-half degrees Fahrenheit above normal, sending about 10 percent more moisture into the air. "There is a very clear message here," Michael Wehner, a climate scientist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, told *National Geographic*. "Dangerous climate change is here and now."

RACE AGAINST TIME
Huddled players hoped their oxygen held out until rescuers reached them.

CAVE SAVE ◆ JULY 8-10

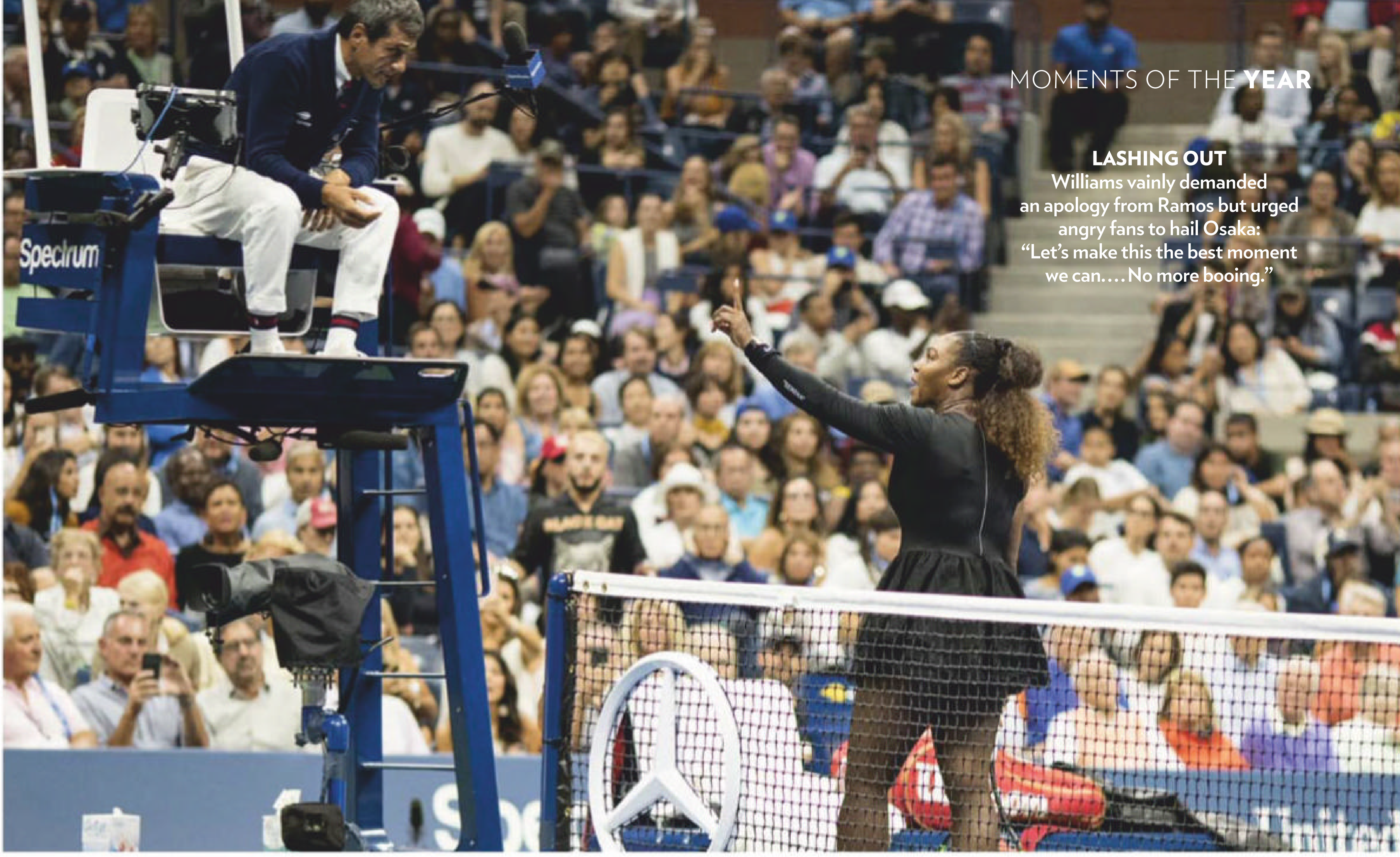
A LOCAL RITE OF PASSAGE turned into a weeks-long nightmare for a dozen boys trapped while exploring a maze of flooded tunnels deep inside Thailand's Tham Luang Cave system. Ten days after they went missing, divers discovered 12 members of the Wild Boars soccer team huddled on a ledge two and a half miles from the cave entrance. With waters rising, oxygen dwindling and monsoon rains threatening, an odds-defying rescue got under way. Their anxious families and a riveted world followed the drama as the first group of four, outfitted with scuba gear and tethered to professional divers, began the harrowing four-hour journey, then a second group the next day. When the first two groups were safe (the final four plus the team coach would follow), a Facebook post said it all: "2 days, 8 Wild Boars. Hooyah!"

ZENNING OUT
After their rescue, the team spent a few days of contemplation at a Buddhist temple, where one boy said they learned "how to be patient" and another said that he'd been taught "to have a very peaceful mind."

SISTER SURVIVORS "Your truth does matter, you matter, and you are not alone," Raisman (front row, right) said when 141 of Nassar's victims assembled onstage at the ESPYs to accept the Arthur Ashe Courage Award.

CAGING A MONSTER ◆ FEB. 5

"YOU SEEM TO HAVE A HARD time looking at me now," 16-year-old Arianna Guerrero told Dr. Lawrence G. Nassar as he stood in the courtroom, mute and shamefaced. "But you didn't when I was [lying] half-naked on your table." Guerrero was among more than 260 female patients whom Nassar—team doctor for U.S.A. Gymnastics and a physician at Michigan State University—is alleged to have sexually abused. Before sentencing Nassar to 40 to 175 years in prison, Michigan circuit court judge Rosemarie Aquilina invited dozens of his victims to confront him. Their bravery and resilience was best summed up by one of the most high-profile among them, six-time Olympic medalist Aly Raisman: "Abusers, your time is up. The survivors are here, standing tall, and we are not going anywhere."



LASHING OUT
Williams vainly demanded an apology from Ramos but urged angry fans to hail Osaka: "Let's make this the best moment we can.…No more booing."

SERENA'S COURTSIDE BATTLE ◆ SEPT. 8

THE STORY AT THE U.S. OPEN SHOULD HAVE BEEN 20-year old Naomi Osaka's convincing win over her idol, the great Serena Williams. But in the second set, umpire Carlos Ramos saw Williams's coach Patrick Mouratoglou making illegal coaching gestures. Ramos called a code violation, and Williams defended herself, saying if her coach "gives me a thumbs-up, he's telling me to 'come on!'… I don't cheat to win. I'd rather lose." Later, a frustrated Williams smashed her racket—an infraction that cost her a point. Enraged, she called Ramos a "thief," earning a third violation that cost her a game. The crowd protested, and Williams alleged sexism in the call. While some agreed ("I've regrettably said worse, and I've never gotten a game penalty," tweeted Andy Roddick), others noted that Ramos has been similarly tough on Rafael Nadal. Osaka, who consistently outplayed Williams, timidly hoisted her trophy to a smattering of boos; that quieted somewhat when Williams gave her a congratulatory hug.

THE MET GALA

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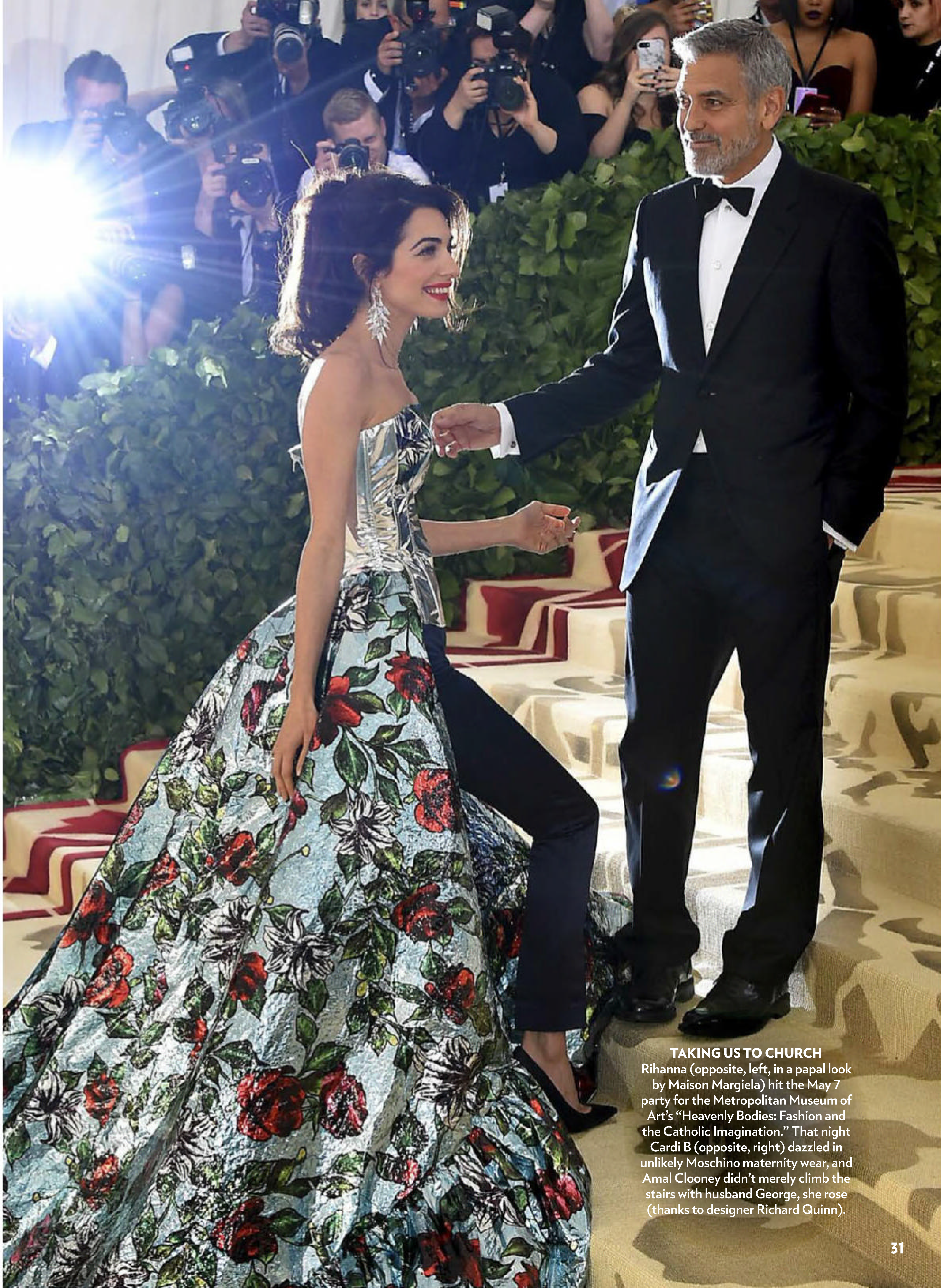
SEEN AROUND TOWN

STAR TRACKS

GLAMMING AT GALAS, ROCKING RED CARPETS OR SHINING ON STAGES, A-LISTERS WERE OUT IN FORCE



TAKING US TO CHURCH
Rihanna (opposite, left, in a papal look by Maison Margiela) hit the May 7 party for the Metropolitan Museum of Art's "Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination." That night Cardi B (opposite, right) dazzled in unlikely Moschino maternity wear, and Amal Clooney didn't merely climb the stairs with husband George, she rose (thanks to designer Richard Quinn).

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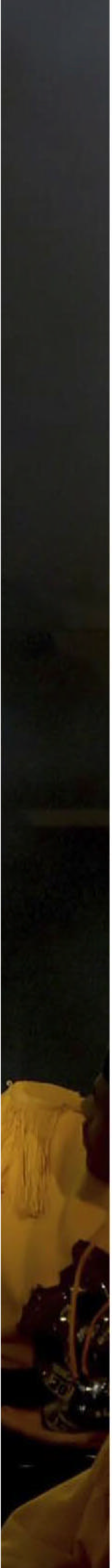
VEILED TRIPLE THREAT
For her film debut, Lady Gaga wrote music, sang and acted. So did costar Bradley Cooper (with her at the Toronto Film Festival Sept. 9), who also directed the well-received third remake of *A Star Is Born* (inset).

WITHOUT A NET James Corden said he was "terrified" to skydive with Tom Cruise (above). "That was incredible," he said after a safe landing (inset, with instructor) July 26.

SELFIE LOVE Real-life marrieds Emily Blunt and John Krasinski (at the Time 100 gala) played a couple in *A Quiet Place* (inset), the horror hit that marks their first shared screen time.



FESTIVAL QUEEN
Left: Joined by her former Destiny's Child bandmates (and husband Jay-Z), Beyoncé wowed at Coachella on April 14, her first headlining appearance since the 2017 birth of the couple's twins.

FEELING THE LOVE
"She can really sing," Sir Elton John enthused as Miley Cyrus joined him at the Grammy Awards in New York on Jan. 28 for a rendition of his "Tiny Dancer" (a hit 21 years before she was born).

THE TAYLOR EFFECT
Right: Accepting Artist of the Year at the American Music Awards in L.A. on Oct. 9, Taylor Swift urged fans to vote in the midterm elections—fueling a spike in registrations.

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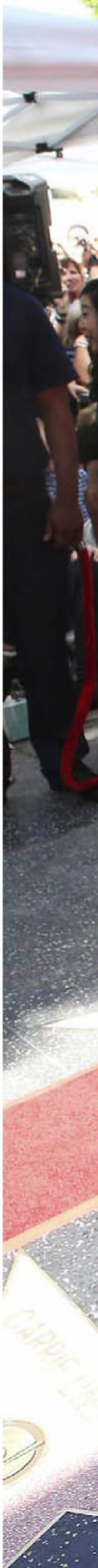
SPIN-DERELLA!
Black Panther star Lupita Nyong'o twirled in her Prada gown, as she made the rounds of parties at the Cannes Film Festival on May 11.

FUNNY GIRL
Julia Louis-Dreyfus accepts the Mark Twain Prize for humor at the Kennedy Center in D.C. Oct. 21. How did she get her first laugh? "I stuck raisins in my nose," the *Veep* star recalled.

WINNING SMILES "We inspire each other," John Legend said of his wife, model and cookbook author Chrissy Teigen, who joined him after his Sept. 9 EGOT-making Emmy win for coproducing NBC's *Jesus Christ Superstar Live,* in which he also had the lead role.



DATE NIGHT

Left: At the Emmys as a first-time nominee, Jessica Biel showed husband Justin Timberlake some love. Up for her role in *The Sinner,* she didn't take home a statue, but she did take home the guy.

TWINNING = WINNING

Below left: Julia Roberts and her stylist pal Elizabeth Stewart doubled up at the In Style Awards in L.A. Oct. 22.

THE ONE THAT I (STILL) WANT

Below right: *Grease* stars Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta stepped lively at a 40th-anniversary screening in Beverly Hills on Aug. 15.

HOLLYWOOD IDOL Recovered from a fall that required facial surgery, Carrie Underwood celebrated her Hollywood Walk of Fame star with NHL player husband Mike Fisher and son Isaiah, 3. The couple is expecting a second child early 2019.

2018

BREAKOUTS

MAKING IT BIG

THAT MOMENT WHEN YOU TAKE THE LEAP, BURST INTO CULTURAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND BECOME A BONA FIDE ‘THING’

QUEER EYE

A year ago they were five unknowns. But if these guys taught us anything, it is to believe in the power of change. *Queer Eye,* a Bravo hit from 2003-07, returned on Netflix with a new squad of experts: Jonathan Von Ness (grooming), Antoni Porowski (food and wine), Tan France (fashion), Bobby Berk (design) and Karamo Brown (culture). In two fast seasons they picked up three Emmys and countless fans tuning in to laugh, cry and see them teach (mostly) straight southern men how to do a French tuck (sticking only some of your shirt in your pants) or locate their vulnerable sides. “When people say, ‘You can’t teach an old dog new tricks,’ it’s not true,” says Von Ness, “because you can reinvent yourself and learn new things whenever you want.”

CHADWICK BOSEMAN

"I've gotten to do a lot of movies that have historical impact," the man who played Jackie Robinson, Thurgood Marshall and James Brown told *People*. But none of those acclaimed performances packed the explosive cultural punch or scored anywhere near the jaw-dropping box office take ($1.4 billion worldwide since its February release) of *Black Panther,* the Marvel superhero blockbuster with rare-in-Hollywood credits: Most of the cast as well as its director and writers are black. Boseman told *Esquire* that one fan, Denzel Washington, said, "Yes, finally!" when he saw all of them onscreen. "This is what I've been working for."

▲ TIFFANY HADDISH

Named one of *Time*'s 100 most-influential personalities, Haddish was busy in 2018 with a TV series, *The Last O.G.*, costarring Tracy Morgan, and four film releases, including *Night School* and *Nobody's Fool*. She capped the year by taking home an Emmy for hosting *SNL* and told *People* she was excited to cuddle up with the statuette. "That's my boo. She's a cold bitch…but she warms up after you hold her for a little while."

◀ RACHEL BROSNAHAN

"One thing I love about this show is it's about a woman who is finding her voice anew," the star of *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* said as she accepted a Lead Actress Emmy for the Amazon comedy series. A niece of the late designer Kate Spade, Brosnahan plays Midge, a 1950s housewife turned stand-up comic who mines her pain after her marriage breaks up.

CRAZY RICH ASIANS

As rom-com plots go, this one wasn't earth-shattering. It had familiar elements like a fish-out-of-water heroine, a disapproving mother and a glamorous makeover. It was, however, the first Hollywood film with an all-Asian cast in decades. That and the record-breaking box office: director Jon M. Chu's eye-candy fantasy of an American woman (Constance Wu) meeting the family of her Singaporean boyfriend (Henry Golding) became the sixth highest-grossing rom-com ever. Next? The sequel.

CRAZY GOOD
Kevin Kwan (center), author of the source novel, with (from left) Wu, Awkwafina, Michelle Yeoh, Ken Jeong and Golding. Above: Awkwafina (left) with Wu in the film.

HANNAH GADSBY

In her summer Netflix hit *Nanette,* the Tasmanian comic got laughs, yes, but she also raged: on behalf of women, LGBT people and introverts (Gadsby is all three). Then, just as we caught on to her, she threatened to quit. “I have built a career out of self-deprecating humor, and I don’t want to do that anymore,” she said onstage. “Do you understand what self-deprecation means when it comes from somebody who already exists in the margins? It’s not humility. It’s humiliation.” Luckily she did not quit and at the Emmys gave a knowing wink to her success and her critics: “The world’s gone a bit crazy. I mean, for somebody like me—a nobody from nowhere—gets this sweet gig. Free suit, new boots, just ’cause I don’t like men?”

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VIRAL OBSESSIONS

Among 2018’s social media favorites was a raccoon caught on-camera scaling a 25-story office building in St. Paul (1). Minnesota Public Radio employees documented its journey; the #MPRRaccoon was then rescued and released into the wild. Mary Halsey got famous with Missy Elliott’s “Work It” at a karaoke barbecue. Ellen DeGeneres brought her on her show, where Elliott (who called Halsey her “funky white sister”) joined in a surprise duet (2). Finally, who could look away from Boston lawyer Jason Triplett, who left a bar dressed as Elsa from *Frozen* to help a police wagon stranded in the snow (3). “If this is my 15 minutes,” he told *People,* “I would like to leverage it to meet Adam Rippon.”

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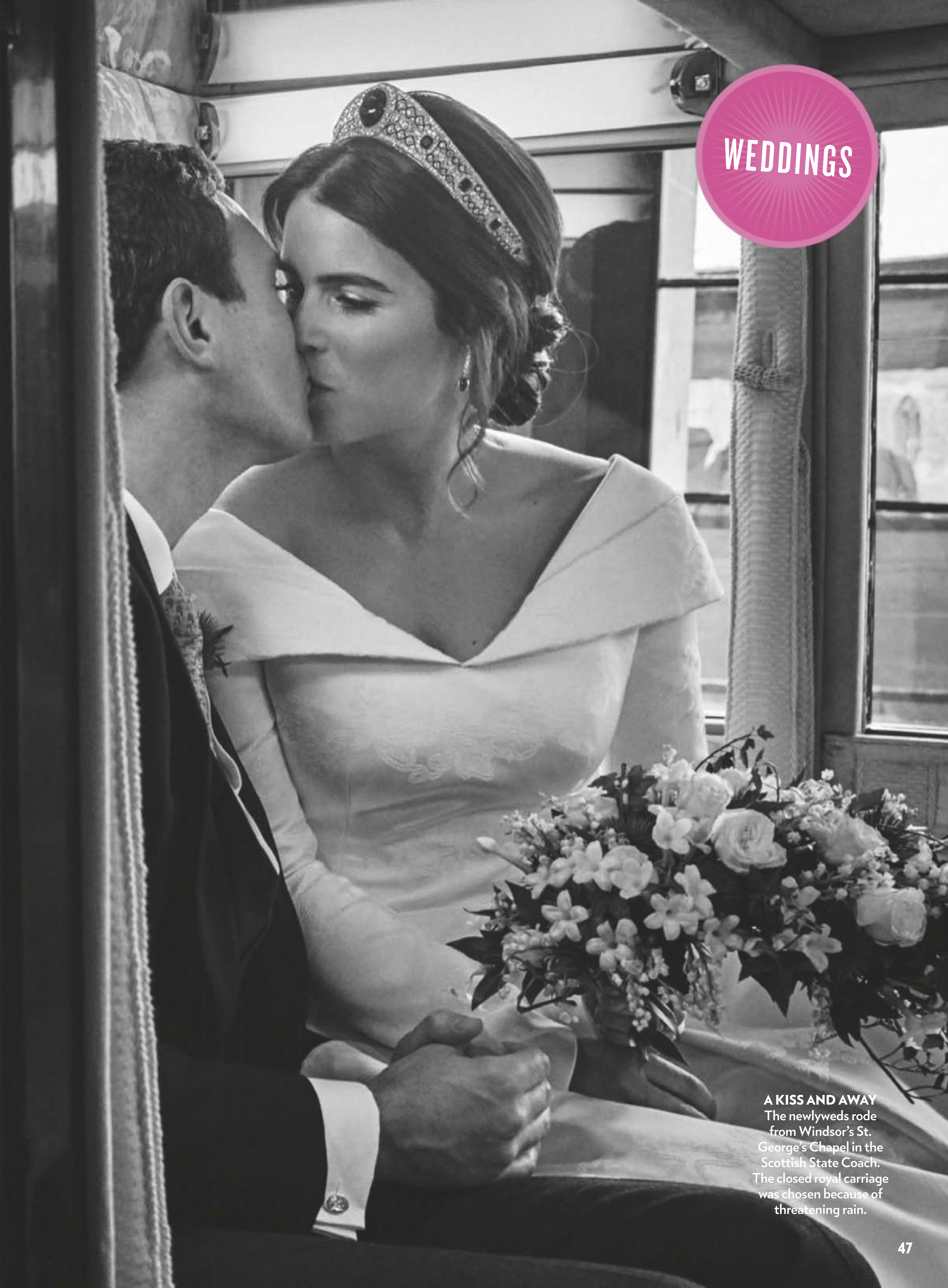
PASSAGES

LIVING AND LOVING

THE YEAR BROUGHT NEW ROMANCE, NEW FACES—AND NEW LIFE. WE BADE FAREWELL TO OLD FRIENDS, WELCOMED BACK OTHERS, WITNESSED HEARTBREAK, HEROISM—AND HAPPY ENDINGS

PRINCESS EUGENIE & JACK BROOKSBANK

On a bright if blustery fall day in Windsor, Princess Eugenie, 28, younger daughter of Britain's Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson, pledged her troth to her beau of seven years, Jack Brooksbank, 32, European brand manager for George Clooney's Casamigos Tequila. The Oct. 12 nuptials, attended by family including the Queen and famous friends from Ricky Martin to Kate Moss, took place in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, where Eugenie made a stunning impression in a gown designed by London's Peter Pilotto and Christopher De Vos. The princess had insisted on an open back that would reveal the scars she received from a scoliosis operation she had at age 12. "It's a lovely way to honor the people who looked after me," she told Britain's ITV, "and a way of standing up for young people who also go through this. I think you can change the way beauty is, and you can show people your scars."



A KISS AND AWAY The newlyweds rode from Windsor's St. George's Chapel in the Scottish State Coach. The closed royal carriage was chosen because of threatening rain.

WEDDINGS

KARLIE KLOSS & JOSHUA KUSHNER

"I can't wait for forever," the supermodel, 26, wrote on Instagram when she and Kushner, 33, announced their engagement in July. "They're both overjoyed," said a friend. And it showed when the two wed in upstate New York in front of almost 80 guests. The supermodel wore a custom lace Dior dress to say "I do" to the entrepreneur and venture capitalist, who is the younger brother of Jared Kushner and brother-in-law to Ivanka Trump, both of whom attended. The couples are close, despite political differences. (Joshua was reportedly a Hillary supporter.) "The wedding was intimate and moving," a friend who attended the ceremony told *People*. "The couple were beaming with happiness." The newlyweds planned to host a larger celebration in the spring. Meantime, let forever begin.

LAURA PREPON & BEN FOSTER

It was, to say the least, a busy year for *Orange Is the New Black* star Laura Prepon. In April she published a guide to healthy eating, *The Stash Plan,* which garnered rave reviews from celebrity guru Dr. Oz and comedian Chelsea Handler. Two months later Prepon and her longtime boyfriend, actor Ben Foster (star of the 2016 western *Hell or High Water*), were married in a discreet ceremony. Planning the exclusive event turned out to be challenging for the bride. "We have a lot of people that we love and care about," she told E! News, noting that the cast of her show alone includes 50 members. Deciding whom to invite (or not), Prepon added, was a "thing that could cause some issues." But in the end the couple—whose daughter Ella turned 1 in August—posted a blissful, snuggly Instagram pic, visual evidence that it had all worked out.

AMY SCHUMER & CHRIS FISCHER

"I was sobbing the whole [time]," Jennifer Lawrence told *Entertainment Tonight* of her friend Amy Schumer's Feb. 13 wedding. When two people really love each other and they really mean it, it shows." Comedian Schumer and her beau, chef Chris Fischer, had been dating only a few months when they decided to get married in an oceanside ceremony in Malibu—with Jake Gyllenhaal, Larry David and Jennifer Aniston joining J-Law on the guest list. With less than a week to plan, the couple wrote their own vows. "I love you with every piece of my heart," Fischer told his bride. Schumer replied by dropping an F-bomb, looking down at what she'd written and joking: "I just wanted to plug some of my road dates." Then she got serious. "People are wondering, why the rush, why so fast?" she said, looking tearfully into her groom's eyes. "It's because I truly cannot wait another second to be your wife." The fast-forward couple announced in the fall that Schumer was expecting a baby.

KIT HARINGTON & ROSE LESLIE

Once upon a time in the English countryside, dashing actor Kit Harington dropped to one knee and asked for the hand of the fair Rose Leslie, his onscreen love in *Game of Thrones*. "It was at nighttime under a beautiful blanket of stars," Leslie recalled. "Highly romantic!" They wed at a church in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and then the guests (including *Thrones* costars Sophie Turner, in a red blazer minidress, and Emilia Clark, all in pink) proceeded to Wardhill, a castle that has belonged to the Leslie clan for some 900 years. In the end, of course, the happy couple—both, incredibly enough, real-life descendants of 17th-century English king Charles II—rode off into the sunset.

GWYNETH PALTROW & BRAD FALCHUK

"I've never had a wedding before," she gushed to *People* in January 2018, "so even though I'm 45, I sort of feel like a 21-year-old." (Paltrow married rocker Chris Martin in 2003, but they eloped.) Among 75 guests who saw her tie the knot with Falchuk, 47, co-creator of *American Horror Story,* were Cameron Diaz, Jerry Seinfeld and Robert Downey Jr.

JUSTIN BIEBER & HAILEY BALDWIN

"I see no reason to wait," model Hailey Baldwin, 21, told *The Cut*. "When you know it's right, it's right." In September she and 24-year-old pop superstar Justin Bieber snuck quietly into a New York City courthouse and did the deed. They plan to restate their vows in a formal ceremony with guests and glitz sometime soon.

BARBARA BUSH & CRAIG COYNE

In April the world mourned the death of Barbara Bush, matriarch of one of the nation's most prominent families. Six months later her granddaughter and namesake celebrated a more joyful rite of passage. Barbara Bush, 36, is CEO of Global Health Corps, an organization she cofounded to allow gifted American professionals to help tackle problems in impoverished parts of the world. After a five-week engagement she arrived with screenwriter fiancé Craig Coyne at the Bush family compound in Kennebunkport, Maine, for a simple, intimate ceremony by the sea. Just 20 family members attended, including two former Presidents: the bride's grandfather George H.W. Bush, 94, and her dad, George W. Bush, 72. In a touching tribute, the bride wore a bracelet her grandfather had given her grandmother on their 70th anniversary.

RICKY MARTIN & JWAN YOSEF

"It's so freaking cool," Ricky Martin told a gaggle of reporters about his marriage band. "I look at this foreign object on my hand, and I'm like, 'Yes…it's mine!'" The two-time Grammy-winning pop star and actor, 46, has reason to be amazed by his secret wedding to Syrian-born Swedish painter Jwan Yosef. When his first hit, "Livin' la Vida Loca," tore up the charts in 1999, gay marriage seemed an elusive dream. But in January Martin and Yosef filed all the papers (including prenups) to make their relationship legal and binding. The pair met after Martin saw some of Yosef's edgy artwork on Instagram and contacted him. Now the singer, who is raising 9-year-old twin sons, hopes to expand the family. "I want four more pairs of twins. I would love to have a big family, but there's a lot going on at this moment, a lot of work," Martin told E! News on the Golden Globes red carpet. "So we're going to put things in order first, and then we are going to get ready for many more kids."

ENGAGED

NICK JONAS & PRIYANKA CHOPRA

The singer and the former star of *Quantico* toasted their July betrothal with a *roka* ceremony, a pre-wedding family party, in her hometown of Mumbai. Jonas had closed down a London Tiffany store to buy the diamond ring he gave Chopra on her 36th birthday. The actress told *People* she'd given Nick subtle hints. "I've always known it had to be Tiffany.... I just knew it since I was a kid," she said, adding that her inspiration was the Audrey Hepburn film *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. "That did it for every girl in the world."

ED SHEERAN & CHERRY SEABORN

They met at their British secondary school when he was 11 and she was 10, but things didn't turn romantic until 13 years later, in 2015, when Sheeran and Seaborn had their first official date, at Taylor Swift's annual Fourth of July bash. Then, in January, the "Shape of You" singer revealed on Instagram that he'd popped the question. "Got myself a fiancée," Sheeran posted. "We are very happy and in love."

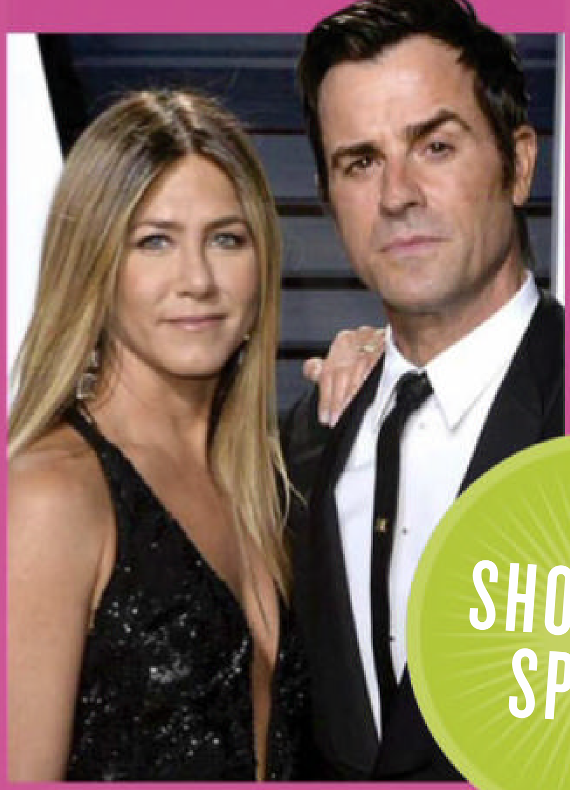
ARIE LUYENDYK JR. & LAUREN BURNHAM

In his *Bachelor* finale Luyendyk proposed to Becca Kufrin (below), who accepted. Then just two months later, he dumped her—on TV!—for runner-up Lauren Burnham. At the *After the Final Rose* special (bottom) Luyendyk popped the question to Burnham, who accepted. They plan to marry in January in Maui.

SHOCKING SPLITS

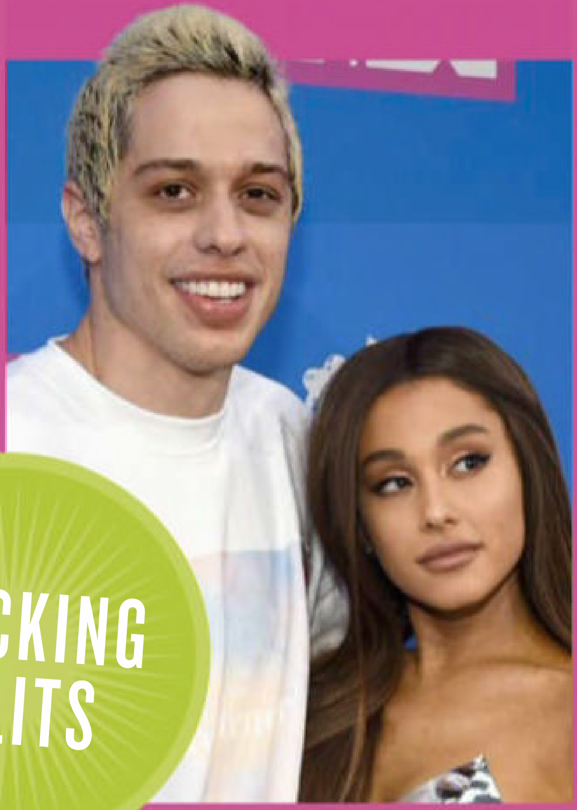
CHANNING TATUM & JENNA DEWAN

After they announced the end of their eight-year marriage, a source close to the couple told *People* the bust-up "has been hard for Channing." But both he and Dewan were casually dating by September. Meanwhile they co-parent a 5-year-old daughter and still collaborate as producers of the YouTube series *Step Up: High Water.*



JENNIFER ANISTON & JUSTIN THEROUX

In 2011 Aniston found love with actor Theroux, despite being a devout L.A. woman, while he remained a downtown New Yorker. The end of their two-and-a-half year marriage was revealed in February with a joint statement saying they "look forward to continuing our cherished friendship."



PETE DAVIDSON & ARIANA GRANDE

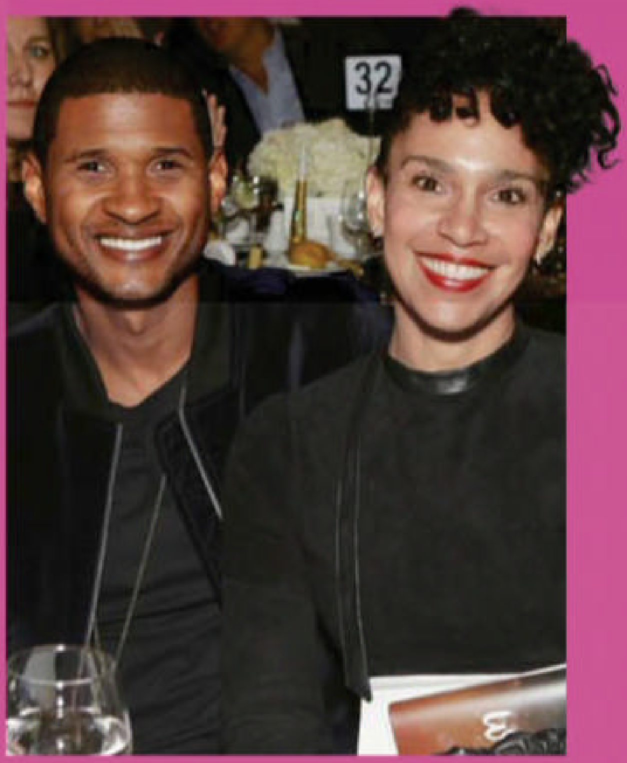
After a whirlwind courtship the *SNL* comic gifted the four-octave diva with a three-carat, $93,000 engagement ring in June, but they pulled the plug in October. "It was way too much too soon," a source close to Grande told *People*. While she throws herself into work, Davidson is busy covering all the tattoos he had inked in her honor.

KENDRA WILKINSON & HANK BASKETT

After nine years of marriage, two kids and two reality series, the onetime Hugh Hefner housemate and the ex-NFL player called it quits in June. Kendra was contrite in a flurry of tweets: "I want to apologize publicly to Hank. I was the reason your football career ended. I regret doing that to u and I hope u learn to forgive me one day. I loved u."

LENA DUNHAM & JACK ANTONOFF

"The finality nearly killed me," Dunham wrote in *Vogue* of her split from the indie rocker after five years together. But gradually the *Girls* star again embraced solo life, whether "sitting alone in an Indian restaurant spooning paneer onto my plate unmolested or wearing my summer dress outside a café as I pored over the paper."



USHER & GRACE MIGUEL

Separating in March, the singer-songwriter and his manager wife said they remain "deeply connected, loving friends." The pair reportedly clashed because Miguel wanted kids and Usher was cool to the idea. He seemed to reference the breakup in his fall release "She Ain't Tell Ya," writing "every story got more than one side."

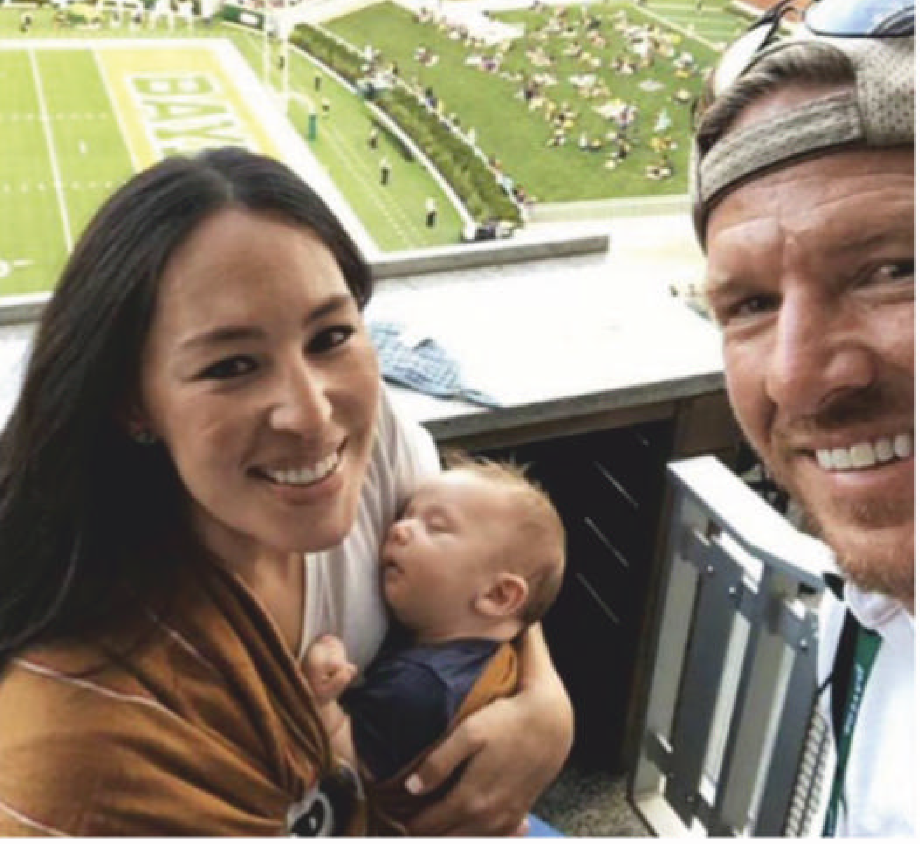
KARJENNER BABY BOOM

Kylie Jenner and Kim and Khloé Kardashian took sisterly bonding to a new level when they brought home baby girls within months of each other. Kim and husband Kanye West welcomed Chicago in January via surrogate (right, with siblings Saint and North). Less than a month later Kylie, 20 (top), announced on Instagram the birth of Stormi with rapper Travis Scott. Then in April Khloé (above, with mom Kris Jenner) and partner Tristan Thompson debuted baby True.

BABIES

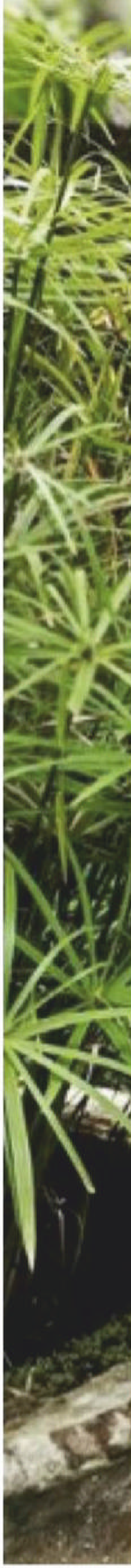
JOHN STAMOS & CAITLIN McHUGH
The *Fuller House* star, 55, welcomed first child William "Billy" Christopher Stamos, named after his late father, with his actress-model wife in April.

AYESHA & STEPHEN CURRY
The Golden State Warriors point guard and his wife announced the birth of their third child, Canon W. Jack Curry, on Instagram.



CHIP & JOANNA GAINES
Gaines party of seven! The couple welcomed a fifth child in June, baby boy Crew, who joined siblings Emmie Kay, 8, Duke, 10, Ella Rose, 11, and Drake, 13. The *Fixer Upper* stars took Crew to his first football game at 2 months old.

BRIGITTE NIELSEN & MATTIA DESSI
At 54, Nielsen gave birth to her fifth child and first daughter, Frida, after undergoing IVF treatment for more than 10 years. "Some women think, 'Oh my God, I'm too old,'" she told *People*. "But how many men have their first kids in their 60s and 70s and they never doubt it?"

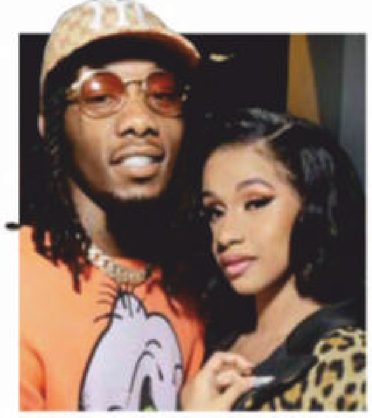


EVA LONGORIA & JOSE BASTON
"We are so grateful for this beautiful blessing," Longoria, 43, and her husband shared with *¡Hola!* magazine about newborn Santiago Enrique Bastón. The baby boy, Longoria's first child, joined Bastón's three children from a previous marriage. "I still look at Santi and wonder how my body created and nourished this little bundle of love!" the actress wrote on Instagram. "Truly a miracle! From the moment he was placed in my arms, I knew no love like this before."

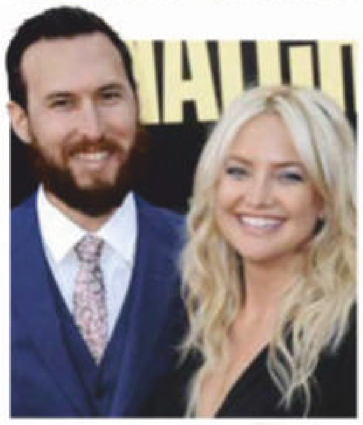
CHRISSY TEIGEN & JOHN LEGEND
"Somebody's herrrrrrre!" Teigen tweeted after the May birth of son Miles Theodore Stephens. The model underwent IVF, just as she did for firstborn daughter, Luna. "I think hearing success stories gives people hope. I'm all for talking about IVF," Teigen has said.

MORE GROWING FAMILIES

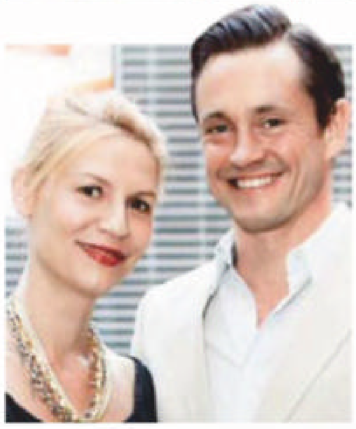
PIPPA MIDDLETON & JAMES MATTHEWS
The Duchess of Cambridge's younger sister followed in her footsteps when she gave birth to a boy in October at the Lindo Wing of St. Mary's Hospital, where Kate and Prince William welcomed all three kids.



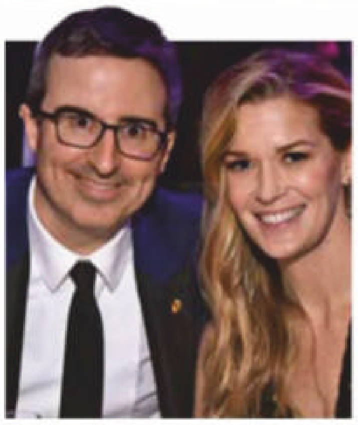
CARDI B & OFFSET
The rapper and two-time Grammy nominee announced the birth of her first daughter, Kulture Kiari Cephus, in July, with husband Offset (of hip-hop group Migos) in a nude maternity photo on Instagram.



KATE HUDSON & DANNY FUJIKAWA
Hudson and her boyfriend welcomed daughter Rani Rose, named for Fujikawa's father, in October. "To name her after him is an honor," she wrote on Instagram.



CLAIRE DANES & HUGH DANCY
The couple welcomed their second son in August. "This was planned. We've been wanting another kid for a while, and it happened," Danes said on *The Howard Stern Show.*



JOHN OLIVER & KATE NORLY
The *Last Week Tonight* host had kept the birth of his second son a secret until September, when he revealed to *People* that he and his wife had welcomed the baby three months earlier.

FYI: SHE'S BACK

During a 1992 story line that made real-life headlines, Vice President Dan Quayle accused *Murphy Brown* of "mocking" fatherhood when Candice Bergen's title TV newscaster became a single mother. When the character gave birth—making what Quayle derided as a "lifestyle choice"—more than 33 million viewers tuned in. Twenty years after the show's decadelong, five-time Emmy-winning first run, Brown/Bergen, 72 (right), returned Sept. 27—along with original castmates Faith Ford and Joe Regalbuto—primed to plumb an even more highly charged, political atmosphere, in new episodes with titles like "#MurphyToo."

WELCOME BACK

ROSEANNE REDUX

"We want to finish telling this story," John Goodman said of the blue-collar Conner family saga. That seemed a sure thing when *Roseanne*, a reboot of ABC's hit sitcom, came back to through-the-roof ratings after a 21-year hiatus. The show was abruptly canceled, however, in the wake of racist comments tweeted by its titular star, comedian Roseanne Barr (inset). Instead of scrapping the idea, producers launched a spinoff: *The Conners*, sans Roseanne but starring vets Goodman, Laurie Metcalf (with him, above) and Sara Gilbert. Now the family copes with the loss of its matriarch, said to have died of an opioid overdose. For her part, Barr was not amused with the plot device, tweeting during the Oct. 16 premiere, "I AIN'T DEAD BITCHES!!!!"

SCANDAL SIGNS OFF

When your man cheats and lies, that's bad news. If he's married? Extra-bad news. If he happens to be President of the United States, that's *Scandal,* starring Kerry Washington as Olivia Pope, the all-powerful Ms. Fix-it who handles high-profile political crises with aplomb, but when it comes to her own heart, not so much. After seven seasons of D.C. power brokers behaving very, very badly, and Olivia's series-long affair with POTUS (Tony Goldwyn) getting very, very steamy, the soapy thriller closed in an April 19 finale that tied up story lines but left Olivia's romantic future uncertain. "I love that [creator Shonda Rhimes] left us wondering," Washington said. "We get to [use] our own imaginations to complete this story."

GOODBYE

THE SPIES WHO LOVED

When FX's Cold War spy thriller *The Americans* debuted in 2013, Keri Russell and Matthew Rhys (right) played Soviet sleeper agents posing as Elizabeth and Philip Jennings, a happily married couple living in suburban Washington, D.C., in the early '80s. They had two children—and an FBI neighbor (Noah Emmerich) who had no clue his friends and frequent houseguests were actually ruthless KGB spies he'd been tasked with hunting down. By May 30, when the series ended after six seasons in which it scored two Emmys and acquired a fervent fan base, Emmerich's G-man had discovered the truth, and the spies themselves returned to an uncertain future in their Russian homeland, where the old Soviet order was teetering. For Russell and Rhys—who met on-set, fell in love and are now real-life partners and parents of son Sam, 2—it was, Russell told *People,* one "wild, crazy run of a show."

THE ORIGINAL BIG BIRD BOWS OUT

"Big Bird," said Caroll Spinney, "opened my mind and nurtured my soul." He could have been speaking for generations of fans of *Sesame Street*'s sweetly innocent "Happy to Be Me" feathered philosopher. From the show's 1969 debut, the puppeteer inhabited the yellow costume imagined by series creator Jim Henson—and constructed, to the delight of knowing fans, by a man named Kermit (Love). Now, at 84, Spinney—who also gave life, and voice, to Oscar the Grouch—has announced his retirement. He said in a statement that "the guardianship" of both "alter egos" has been entrusted to handpicked actors. "He can be all things that children are," Spinney told *The New York Times*, of 8′2″ Big Bird's irresistible character. "He can learn with the kids."

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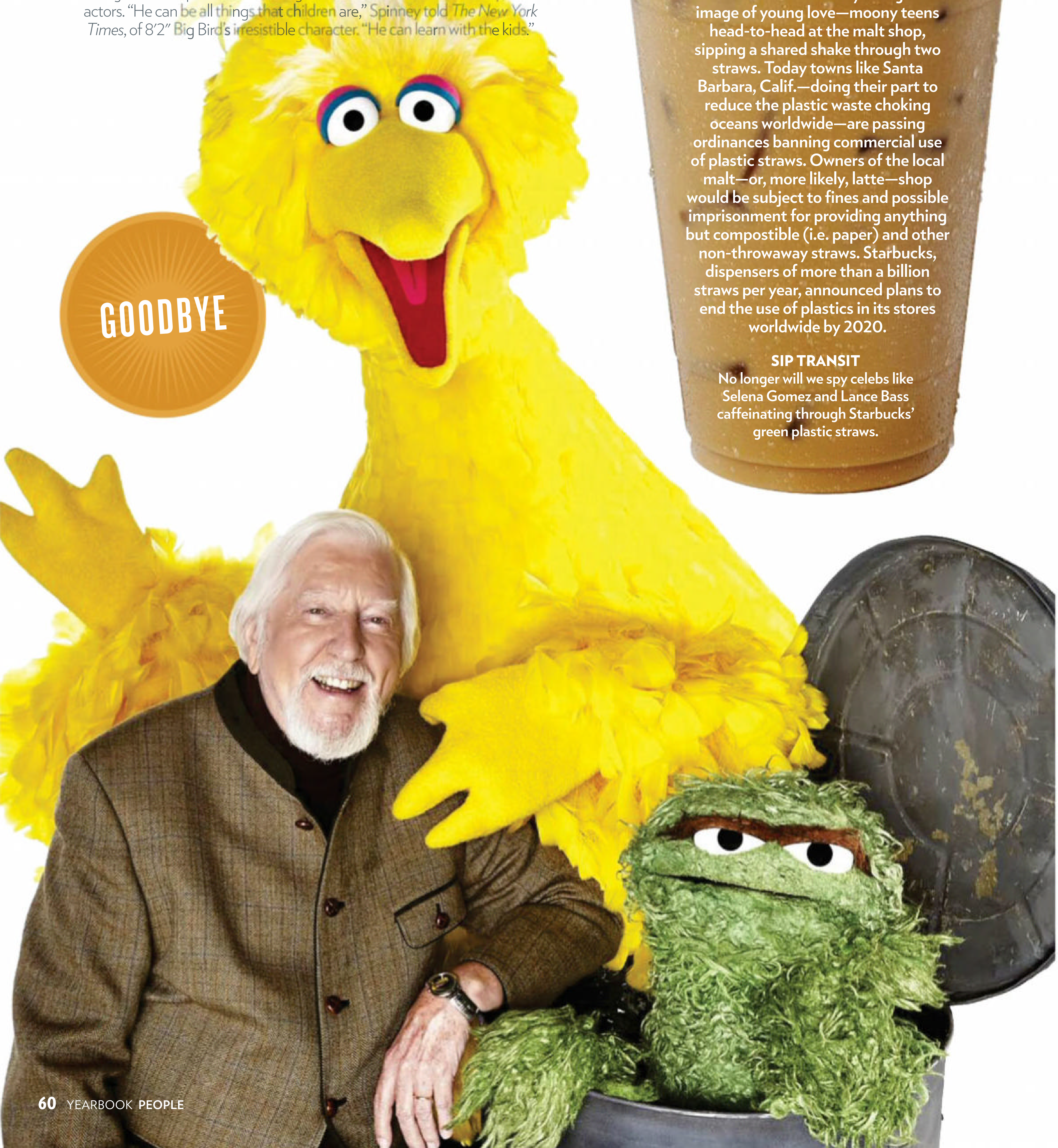


LAST STRAW

It was once a universally recognized image of young love—moony teens head-to-head at the malt shop, sipping a shared shake through two straws. Today towns like Santa Barbara, Calif.—doing their part to reduce the plastic waste choking oceans worldwide—are passing ordinances banning commercial use of plastic straws. Owners of the local malt—or, more likely, latte—shop would be subject to fines and possible imprisonment for providing anything but compostible (i.e. paper) and other non-throwaway straws. Starbucks, dispensers of more than a billion straws per year, announced plans to end the use of plastics in its stores worldwide by 2020.

SIP TRANSIT
No longer will we spy celebs like Selena Gomez and Lance Bass caffeinating through Starbucks' green plastic straws.

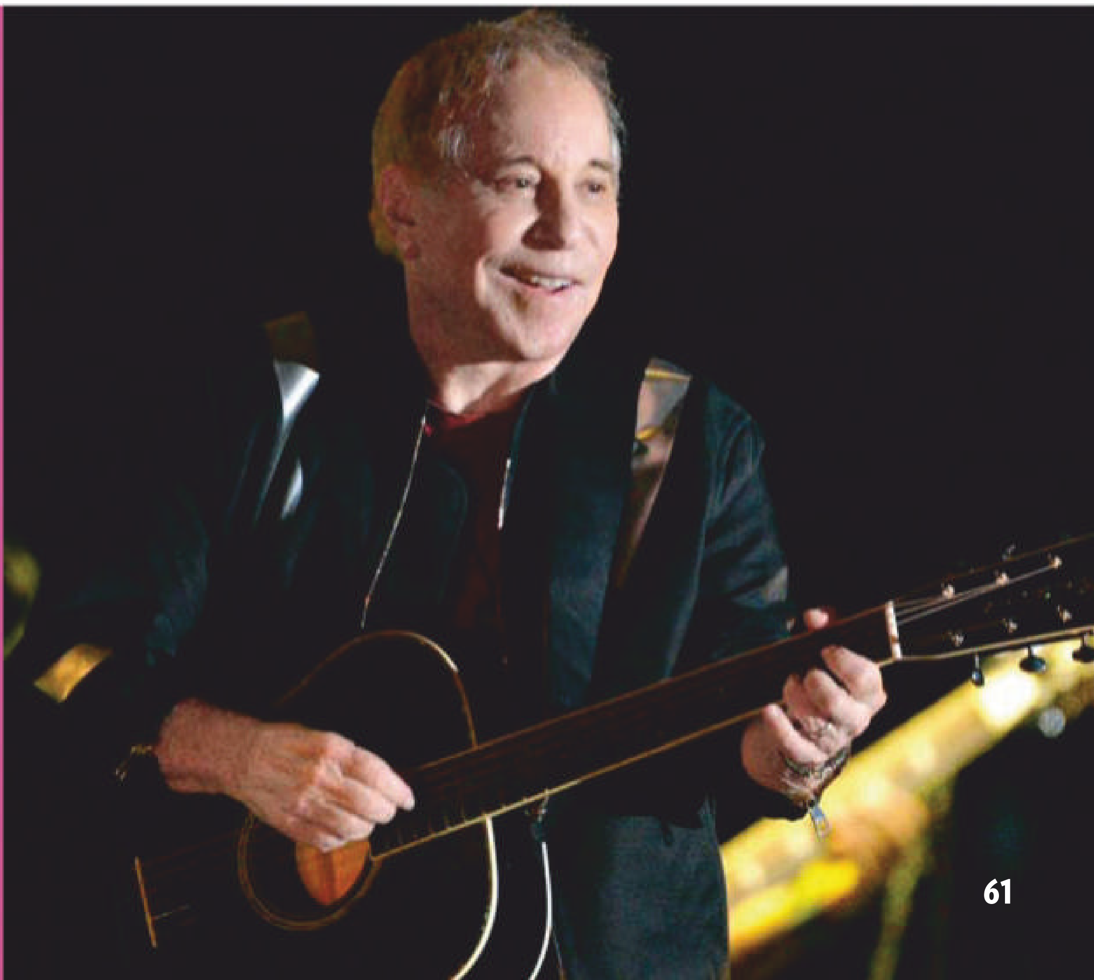
Miss America

BYE-BYE, BIKINIS

When Nia Imani Franklin (left) was crowned winner of what *The New York Times* called the "newer, woker" #MeToo-era Miss America on Sept. 9, few vestiges remained of what began as an Atlantic City "bathing beauty" contest. In a makeover led by 1989 pageant winner Gretchen Carlson (who had won a sexual harassment settlement against her former Fox News boss Roger Ailes) the swimsuit contest was eliminated. Even so, the short Santa suit that Franklin, a trained opera singer from New York, wore in the "Show Us Your Shoes" parade, did little to hide her physique.

SIMON SAYS FAREWELL

Paul Simon ended the last concert of his last tour with his first Simon & Garfunkel hit, 1965's "The Sound of Silence"—composed, he once told *People*, as he strummed his guitar and sang ("Hello, darkness, my old friend…") sequestered in the darkened bathroom of the house he grew up in. After an epic, seven-decade Rock and Roll Hall of Fame career, Simon, 77, was retiring from the road because touring "takes a toll that detracts from the joy of playing," he said in a March statement while announcing Homeward Bound—the Farewell Tour. On Sept. 22 the 5′3″ troubadour took his final bow onstage in Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Queens, just a few miles from his boyhood home. Ending "Silence" to deafening applause, Simon bid the audience a grateful farewell. "It means more than you can know," he said.

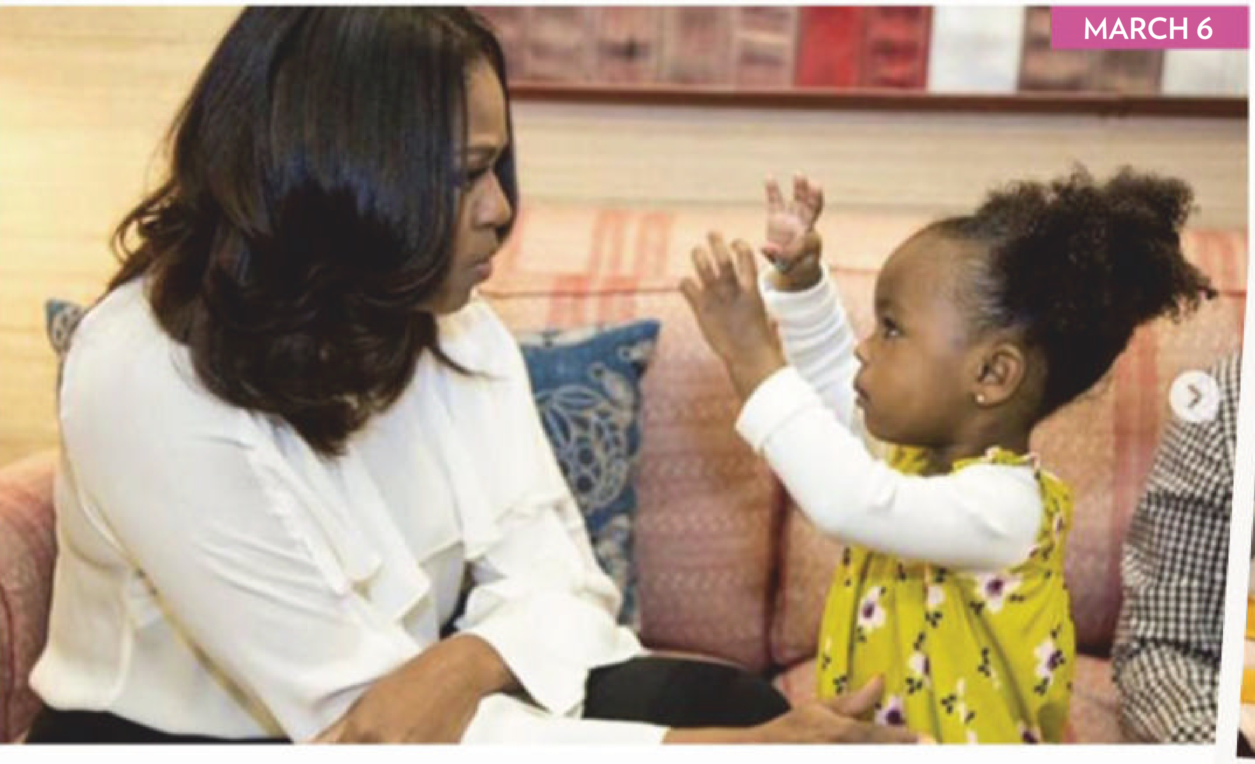


2018

SOME GOOD NEWS!

STORIES THAT INSPIRE

DESPITE THE DIVISIVENESS AND DISASTERS IN THE HEADLINES, 2018 WASN'T ALL BAD. SOMETIMES PEOPLE STEPPED UP, SPIRITS SOARED, LOVE PREVAILED AND DREAMS WERE REALIZED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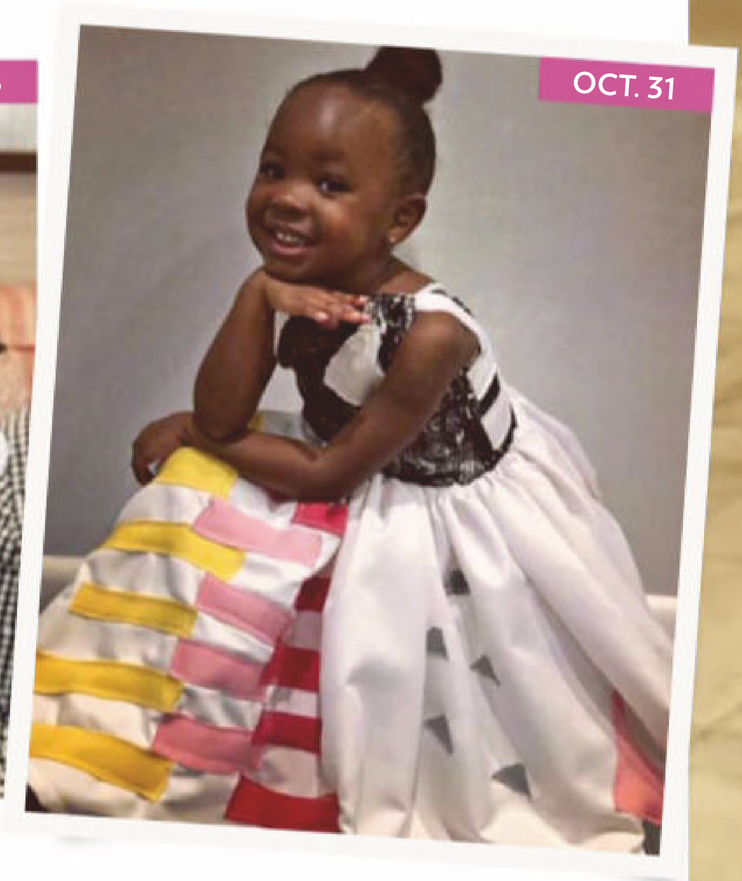
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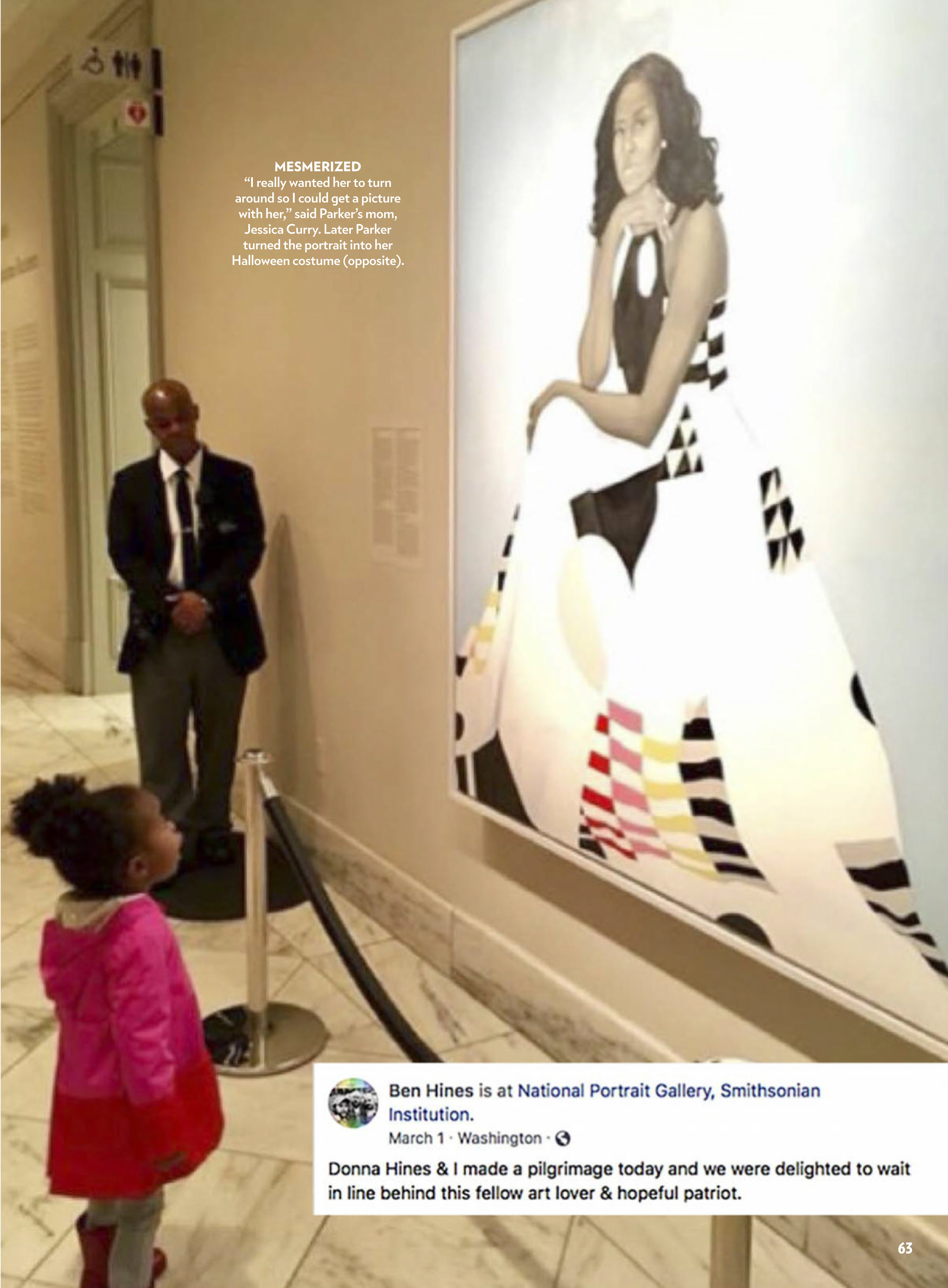
A TINY DANCER ENCHANTS HER IDOL

When Parker Curry met Michelle Obama in person, days after she gazed in rapture upon the former First Lady's likeness at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery, it simply confirmed the 2½-year-old's earlier impression. "She's a queen," the knee-high cutie said during a March 6 playdate at Obama's Washington, D.C., home—one that turned into a dance party with the two boogying to Taylor Swift's "Shake It Off." The tot was invited for the visit after Obama, along with millions of other social media users, was captivated by the photo (right) snapped by onlooker Ben Hines and posted on Facebook. "Keep on dreaming big for yourself," Obama wrote as she shared the dance-party video on Instagram, "and maybe one day I'll proudly look up at a portrait of you!"



MESMERIZED
"I really wanted her to turn around so I could get a picture with her," said Parker's mom, Jessica Curry. Later Parker turned the portrait into her Halloween costume (opposite).

Ben Hines is at **National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution.**
March 1 · Washington ·

Donna Hines & I made a pilgrimage today and we were delighted to wait in line behind this fellow art lover & hopeful patriot.

DRAKE, FROM THE HEART

"I was like, 'What? Is this real or fake?' And he was like, 'It's me, Drake.'" With that hip-hop-ready rhyme, Sofia Sanchez recounted the surprise Aug. 20 visit from the rap star to her room at Chicago's Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, where the 11-year-old heart-failure sufferer held out hope that a donor would be found so that she might receive a lifesaving heart transplant. Drake, in town for a concert, came calling after seeing Sofia's entry in a viral video dance contest—she rises from her wheelchair and busts moves in the hospital hallway to the beats of his worldwide hit "In My Feelings." Besides lifting her spirits, Drake's visit brought good luck. One week later a donor was located, and after a successful nine-hour surgery, Sofia had a new heart. Grateful for "a second chance at life," Sofia urged others to participate in donor programs. "Because even though a tragedy happens, something good comes out of it."

REUNITED AFTER 70 YEARS, THEY TIED THE KNOT

"Make my life worthwhile/ By telling me that I'll/ Spend the rest of my days/ Near you. . . ." So went the lyrics of "Near You," the No. 1 song of 1947. That was the year Janice and Jim Catlin first met as teens on a Wisconsin school bus. They lost contact with each other, only to discover some 70 years later that they'd lived quite near each other. When they met again last year, "I knew him right away," said Janice, now 86. The two started dating and on Aug. 23, before friends and family gathered at the Portage County, Wisc., courthouse, they wed. "I feel 21," Jim, 88, exclaimed before kissing his bride. "He's a very calm man and he's very loving," said Janice. "That's why I love him—because he loves me."

GIANT STEPS

"Look, Maggie! I'm walking!" Two-year-old Roman Dinkel shared his joy with his trusty 10-month-old cockapoo pup—and more than 25 million Internet video-clip viewers who got to watch as the little boy took his first steps with his new red "sticks." That's his name for the forearm crutches that enable Roman, who suffers with crippling spina bifida, to motor around his family's home in Overland Park, Kans., without a helping hand or the aid of a walker. Despite health problems many adults doubt they themselves could endure, Roman—who was diagnosed with the incurable disease when his mother, Whitney, was 20 weeks pregnant—is "a happy, loving, amazing little boy," says his dad, Adam. When a therapist brought his sticks to test-drive, he seemed to sense they would open new vistas. "He wanted to hold them and sit with them" at first, Whitney told *People*. Then in August, his parents shot video of his first attempts to walk and posted them on his Facebook page Defying Odds: Roman's Journey. "To see how proud he was, it just made me so excited." And full of faith, she said, "that he's gonna have the most awesome life."

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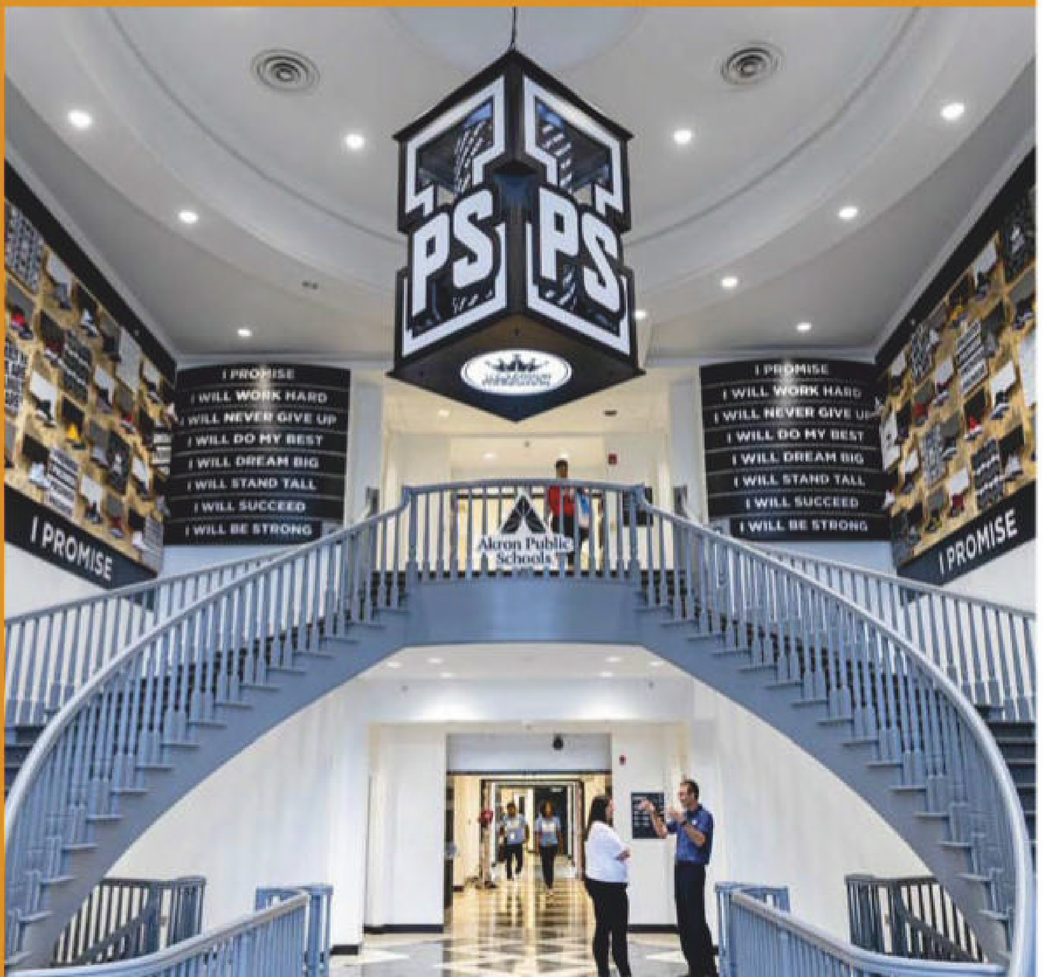
LEBRON'S NEW SCHOOL BOOSTS AT-RISK KIDS

"The jitters before the first day of school are real right now!!!" LeBron James tweeted July 29. "Tomorrow is going to be one of the greatest moments (if not the greatest) of my life." He wasn't talking about a big game or an awards ceremony but the opening of the I Promise School. Before he was one of history's greatest athletes, the NBA star was, in his words, a "skinny kid from Akron who missed 83 days of school in the fourth grade [but] had big dreams." Now "King" James sees himself in the more than 40 percent of the Ohio city's kids who live in poverty: full of talent and promise but in need of attention and opportunity. And so he committed himself to founding a public elementary school for at-risk children. According to the LeBron James Family Foundation's mission statement, the I Promise School "wraps its arms around these kids and supports them with resources, mentorship and encouragement." This commitment includes free uniforms, free meals, free tuition to the University of Akron and . . . a free bicycle and helmet. Why a bike? Because, LeBron told the *Wall Street Journal,* "me and my friends, when we got on our bikes, we would just ride. . . . There was a sense of joy and comfort. There was nothing that could stop us."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I PROMISE
I WILL WORK HARD
I WILL NEVER GIVE UP
I WILL DO MY BEST
I WILL DREAM BIG
I WILL STAND TALL
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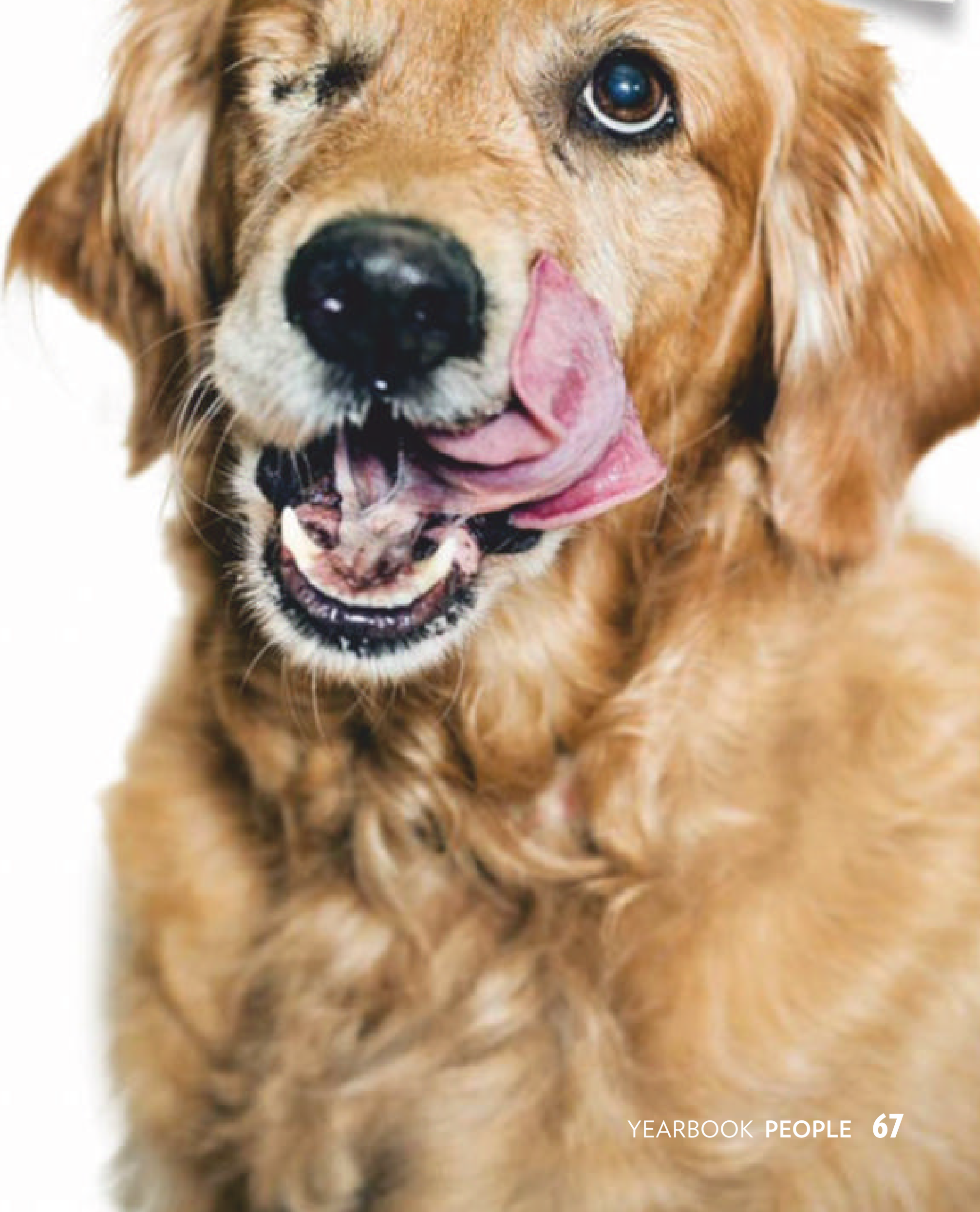
I WILL BE STRONG
I PROMISE
Akron Public Schools

THE CUTEST RESCUE DOG

The incredible journey that brought Penny—a cuddly one-eyed 4-year-old golden retriever—to the *Today* show Oct. 3, when she was introduced as winner of *People*'s World's Cutest Rescue Dog Contest, began in far-off Turkey, where she had been living on the streets as a stray. In an unimaginable act of cruelty, a man had plunged a metal rod into her eye. She was brought to America by the Washington, D.C.-based Kyra's Rescue organization. "She is such a resilient dog," says Anne Noel Occhialino, a mother of two from Silver Spring, Md., whose family ultimately took in Penny, offering a forever home. "She had this terrible thing happen, but she is still full of joy."

WE ARE FAMILY Penny "has made [us] closer and happier," says Occhialino (with husband Jonathan Gannon and daughters Nora, 10, and Kate, 12).

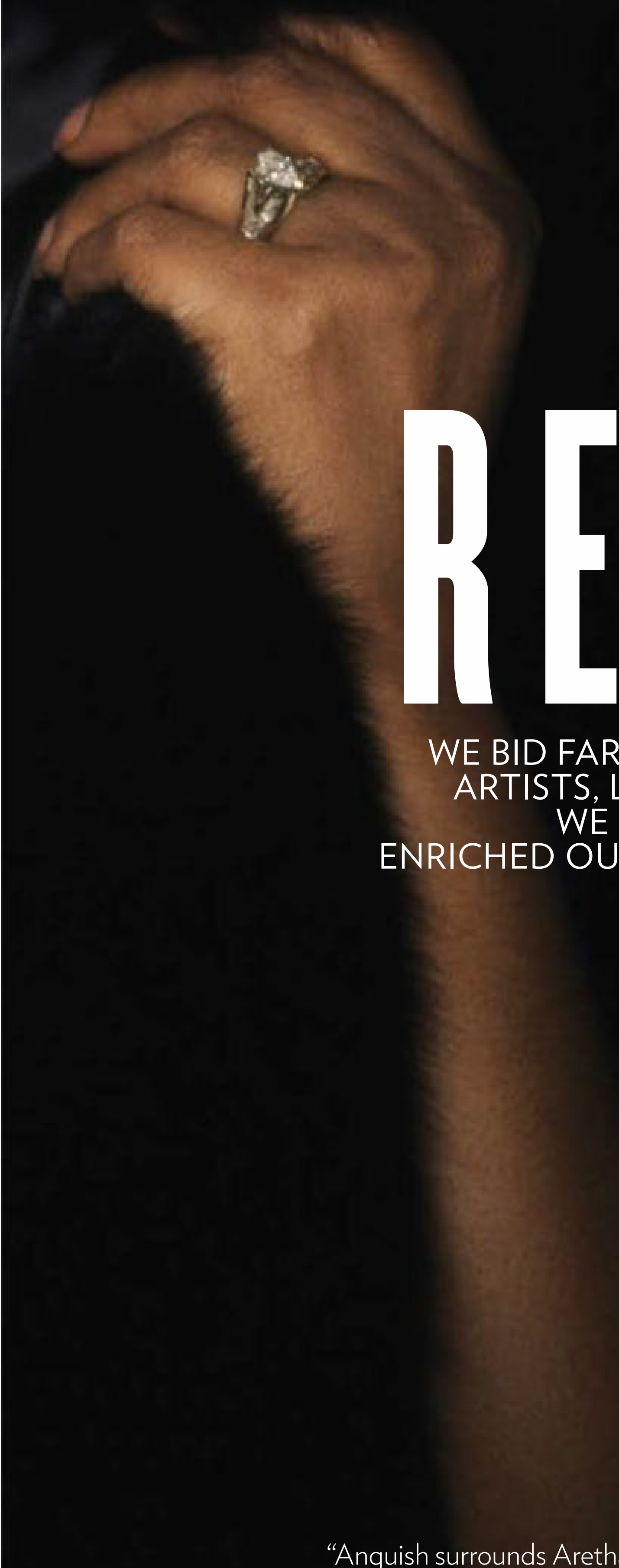


2018

TRIBUTE

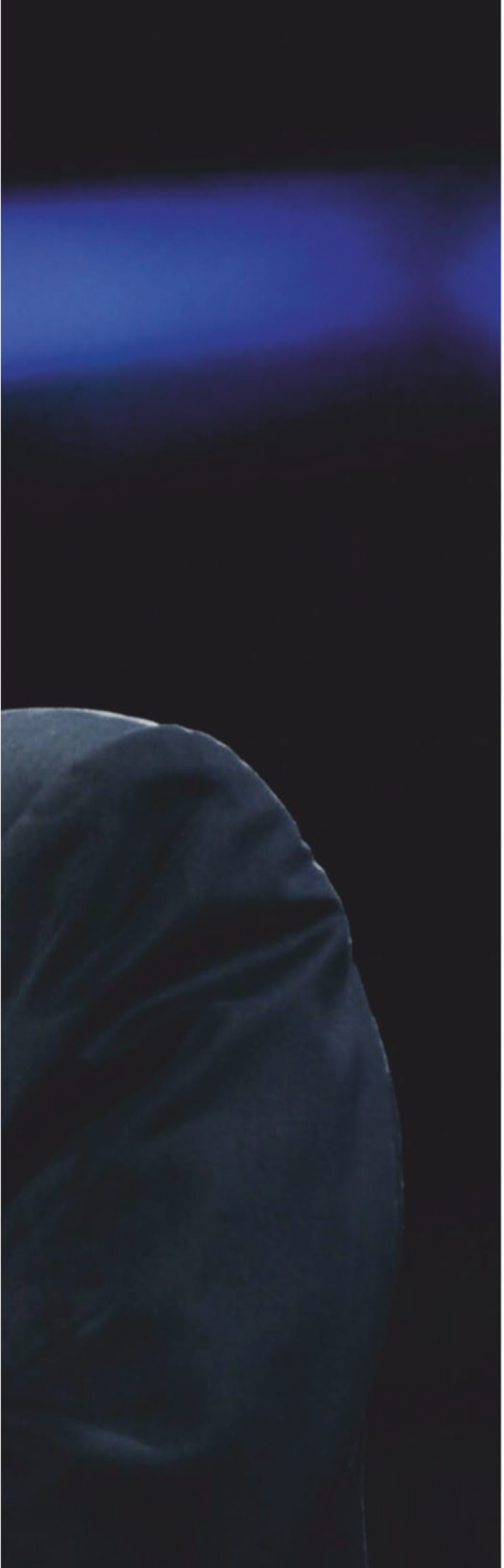
FINAL RESPECTS

WE BID FAREWELL TO SOME OF THE ACTORS, AUTHORS, ARTISTS, LEADERS AND OTHER CELEBRATED FIGURES WE LOST IN 2018. THEIR LIVES AND WORK ENRICHED OUR CULTURE, AND THEIR PASSING LEAVES A VOID



ARETHA FRANKLIN ◆ 76

“Anguish surrounds Aretha as surely as the glory of her musical aura,” legendary record producer Jerry Wexler once wrote. Indeed, a world of hurt powered the Queen of Soul’s stratospheric voice. Following her parents’ separation and her mother’s death from a heart attack, 12-year-old Franklin began performing on her minister father’s gospel tours. A single mother of two by 18, she signed with Columbia Records; her first release, 1961’s *Aretha,* prompted *DownBeat* magazine to name her female vocal star of the year. After enduring years of domestic abuse from first husband Ted White, Franklin recorded a rousing version of “Respect”—not only a No. 1 single but a feminist anthem for decades to come. With each tribulation, her voice and career just seemed to grow stronger. Ultimately, Franklin won 18 Grammys (plus a lifetime achievement award) and became the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. While turning her pain into inspiring music, she also used her fame to help others, working with organizations as diverse as the NAACP, the Special Olympics and food pantries near her Detroit home. “It’s the rough side of the mountain that’s the easiest to climb,” Franklin told *Ebony* magazine in 1964. “The smooth side doesn’t have anything for you to hang on to.”



JOHN McCAIN ◆ 81

The Vietnam War veteran and six-term U.S. senator earned his maverick cred early on. Confronted by a strict upbringing as the son and grandson of four-star Navy admirals, he rebelled by being a cigarette-puffing, trench-coat-wearing troublemaker whose high school nickname was McNasty. After nearly dying in an aircraft carrier explosion that killed 134 shipmates, the young pilot quickly volunteered to fly again. Tortured for five and a half years in a Vietnamese prison camp, he refused an early release so those captured before him could go free. When he ran for President against Barack Obama in 2008, McCain defended his opponent against slurs on his character and patriotism, then gave a memorably gracious concession speech. And he was a contrarian to the end, making a dramatic appearance on the Senate floor in 2017, just days after brain cancer surgery, to cast a decisive thumbs-down, squelching his Republican Party's effort to repeal Obama's signature Affordable Care Act. It was a fitting final moment of defiance for an American hero who was the first to admit his own flaws. "I've made a lot of mistakes. I've lost races. I've caved in to what seems to be the easy way out," McCain told *People* in one of his last interviews. "That's why I hope that [my tombstone] would say, 'He served his country,' not always mistake-free.... No one has lived, that I know, as full a life as I have lived. I have nothing but gratitude."

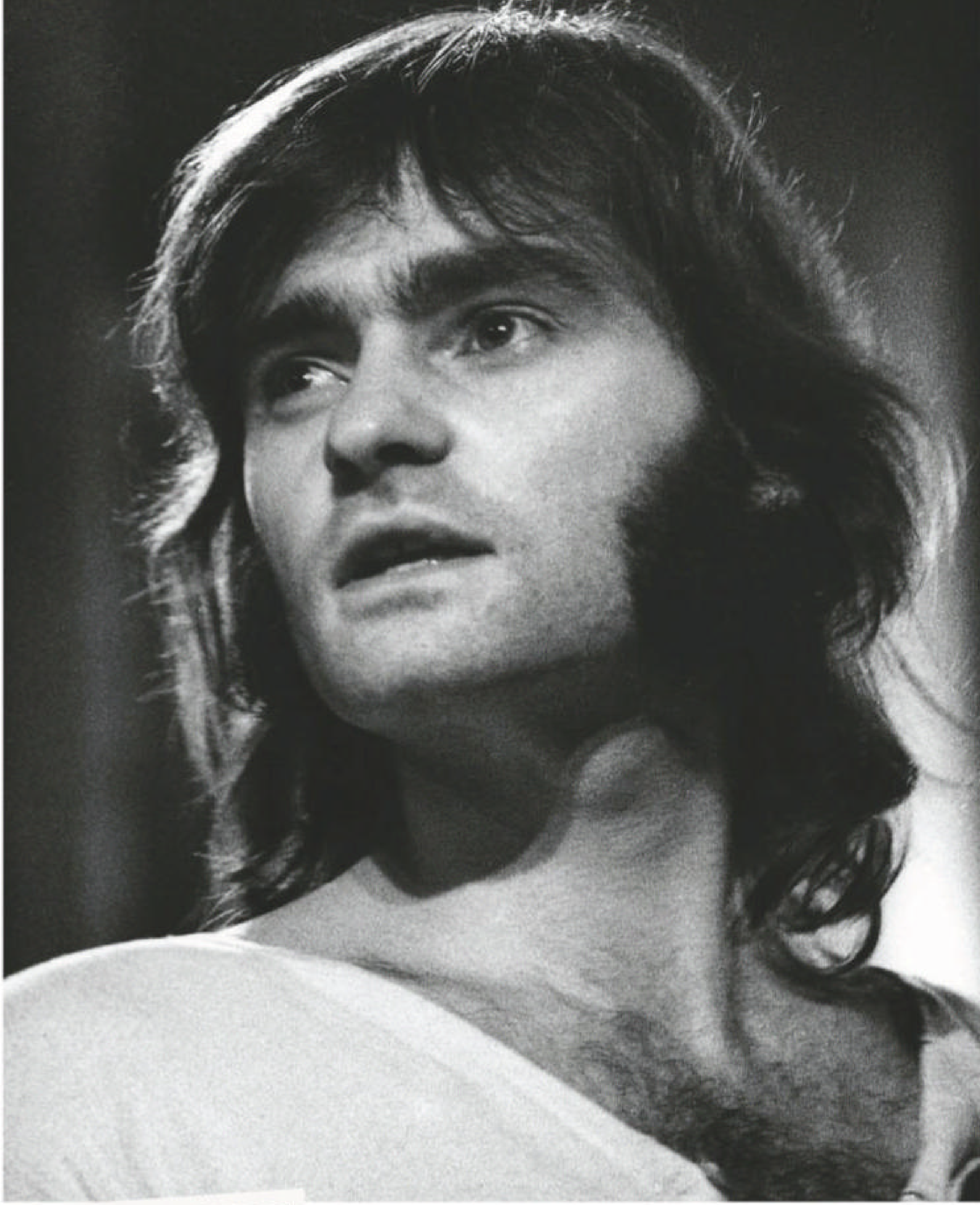
NEIL SIMON ◆ 91

"I am most alive and most fulfilled sitting alone in a room, hoping that those words forming on the paper in the Smith-Corona will be the first perfect play ever written in a single draft," Simon once wrote. Turning out a string of stage successes made into films, including *Barefoot in the Park, The Odd Couple* and *The Sunshine Boys,* he did well enough, garnering more than two dozen Oscar, Emmy and Tony nominations. Often borrowing from his own life, the master humorist sometimes took on darker hues. His family drama *Lost in Yonkers* won the Pulitzer Prize in 1991. "The most important thing with his material was always play it as you would a serious play," said Nathan Lane, who starred in several Simon works. "People will laugh because of his incredible skill in capturing whatever dilemma the character is going through."

MARTY BALIN ◆ 76

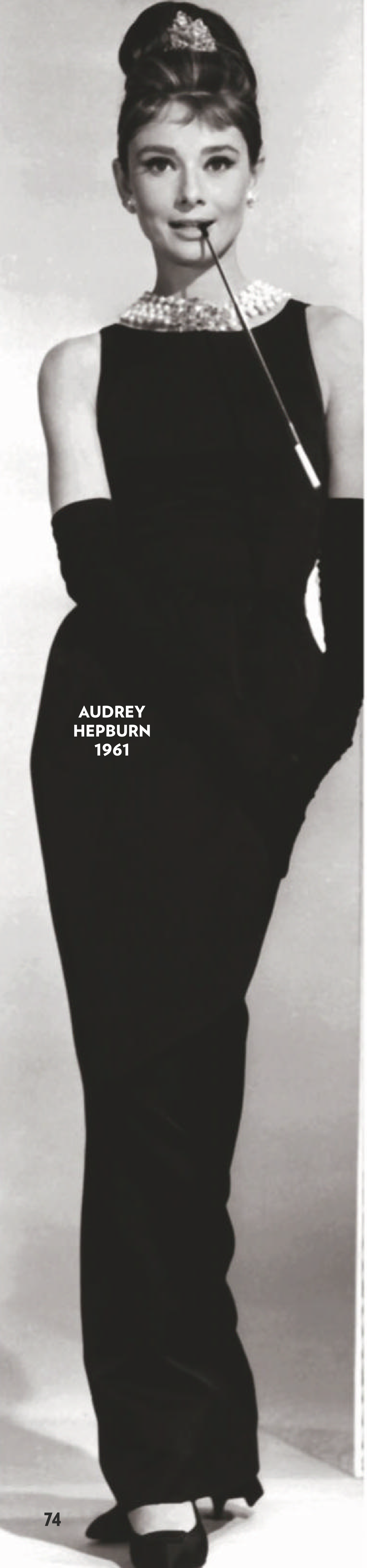
"Got a revolution!" The onetime folkie turned pioneer of San Francisco's acid-rock sound had already started one when he sang that incendiary lyric from the Jefferson Airplane's 1969 album *Volunteers,* his last with the band he had cofounded in 1965.

The singer and songwriter's haunting tenor ballads served as a lush counterpoint to frontwoman Grace Slick's powerhouse vocal tracks on five groundbreaking albums beginning with 1967's *Surrealistic Pillow,* as Balin and the Airplane helped define the psychedelic era. Though he left the band in 1971, Balin would go on to sing and tour with Jefferson Starship, the Airplane's hit-making offshoot, and he remained close to former bandmates till the end. "Marty always reached for the stars," the Airplane's guitar great Jorma Kaukonen blogged after learning of his friend's death, "and he took us along with him."



LINDA BROWN ◆ 75

In 1950 the NAACP asked 13 African-American families from several states to try enrolling their children in all-white schools—fully expecting they'd be turned away, upon which the civil rights group planned to take legal action. That's exactly what happened. One of those prospective students, third grader Linda Brown, was barred from Sumner Elementary School in Topeka, Kans. As it happened, her name came first alphabetically on the list of plaintiffs when NAACP lead attorney Thurgood Marshall filed a class action lawsuit: *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka,* the monumental case in which the Supreme Court unanimously declared segregated schools unconstitutional. As an adult, Brown remained active in civil rights affairs, though she admitted that the weight of her historical significance—press inquiries, other invasions of privacy—could be a burden. "Sometimes it's a hassle," she told the *Miami Herald* in 1987. "But it's still an honor."



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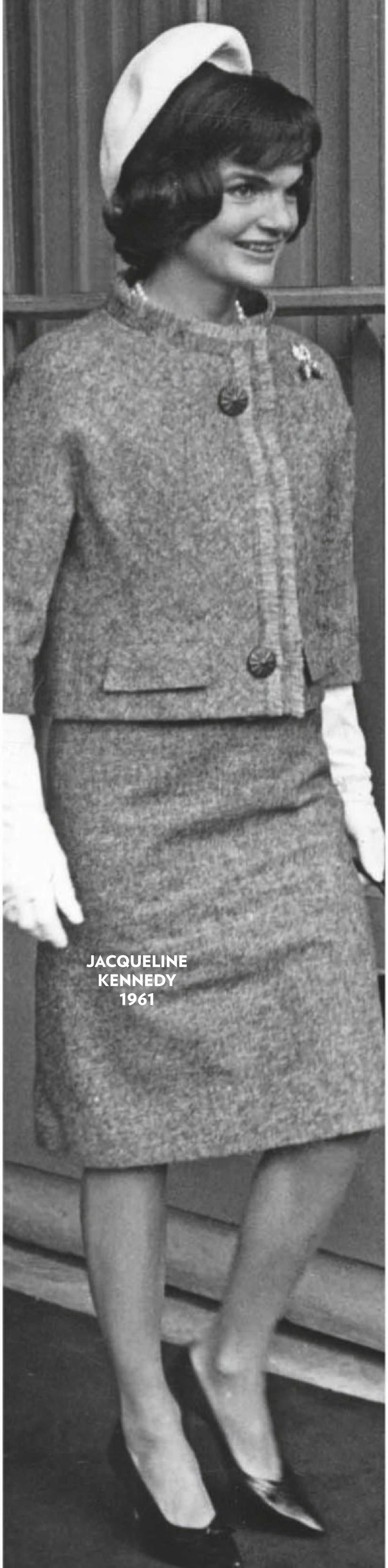

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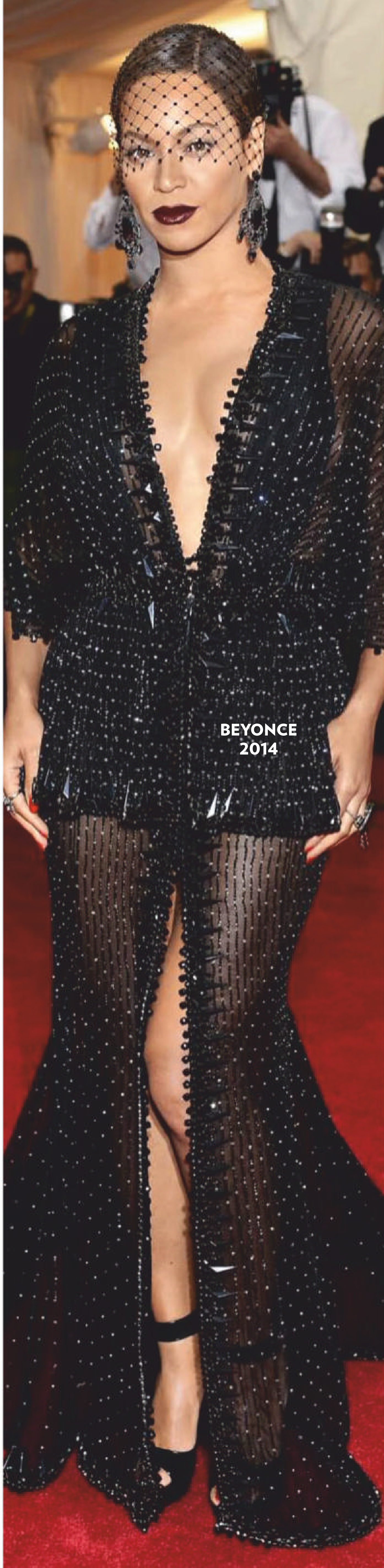

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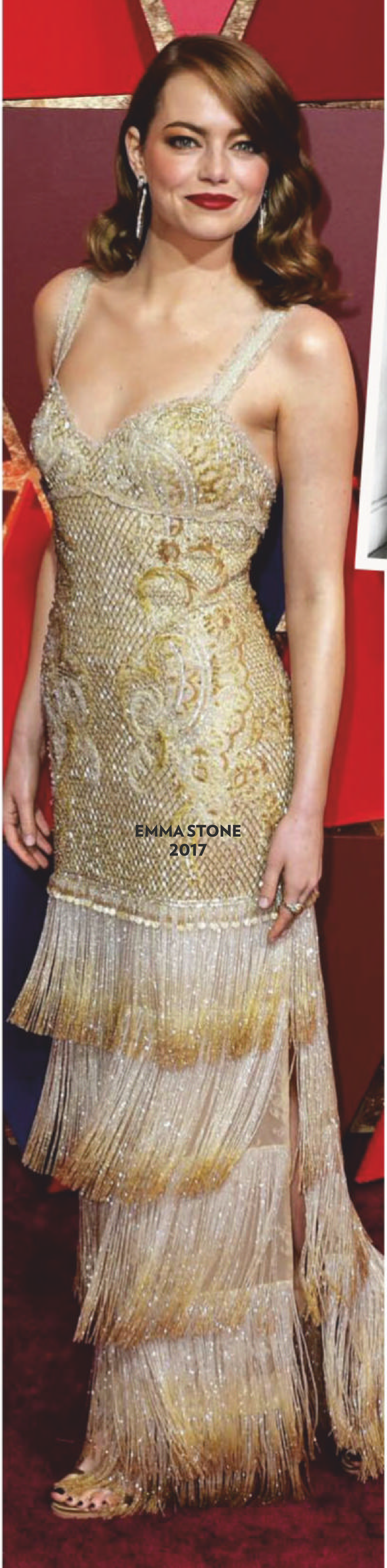


EMMA STONE
2017

HUBERT DE GIVENCHY ◆ 91

Born into an aristocratic French family, the designer opened his Paris fashion house in the early '50s offering opulent frocks that, one writer said, "remind you of that first, best glass of champagne." But it was a basic black dress worn by close friend Audrey Hepburn in her 1961 film *Breakfast at Tiffany's* that cemented his reputation. Givenchy also dressed Jacqueline Kennedy, Princess Grace and countless stars before retiring in 1995. His influence and label, subsequently headed by John Galliano, Alexander McQueen, Riccardo Tisci (who designed the two gowns, near left) and Clare Waight Keller, endures. "Mine is one of the most beautiful professions," he said not long before his death, "making others happy with an idea."

KATE SPADE ◆ 55

"She had a quirky visual language that captivated bat mitzvah girls and artists alike," said actress Lena Dunham. Spade's exuberant bags and accessories belied a struggle with depression that ultimately became too much to bear. Doubtless she'd want to be recalled not as a tragic figure but for the sparkling spirit that marked her style. "I hope that people remember me not just as a good businesswoman but as a great friend," she told *Glamour,* "and a heck of a lot of fun."

TOM WOLFE
A NATIONAL BESTSELLER
THE BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES
A NOVEL
PICADOR

TOM WOLFE ◆ 88

Decked out in his trademark white suit, Wolfe first earned acclaim for his books on '60s counterculture. Works such as 1979's *The Right Stuff*, a tribute to the early space program, and *The Bonfire of the Vanities* (1987), an epic satire of New York City, made him an international celebrity. Wolfe often blurred the line between fiction and nonfiction, and he was invariably an important player in the tales he told. "I found early in the game that for me there's no use trying to blend in," he told *The Paris Review*. "I might as well be the village information-gatherer, the man from Mars who simply wants to know."

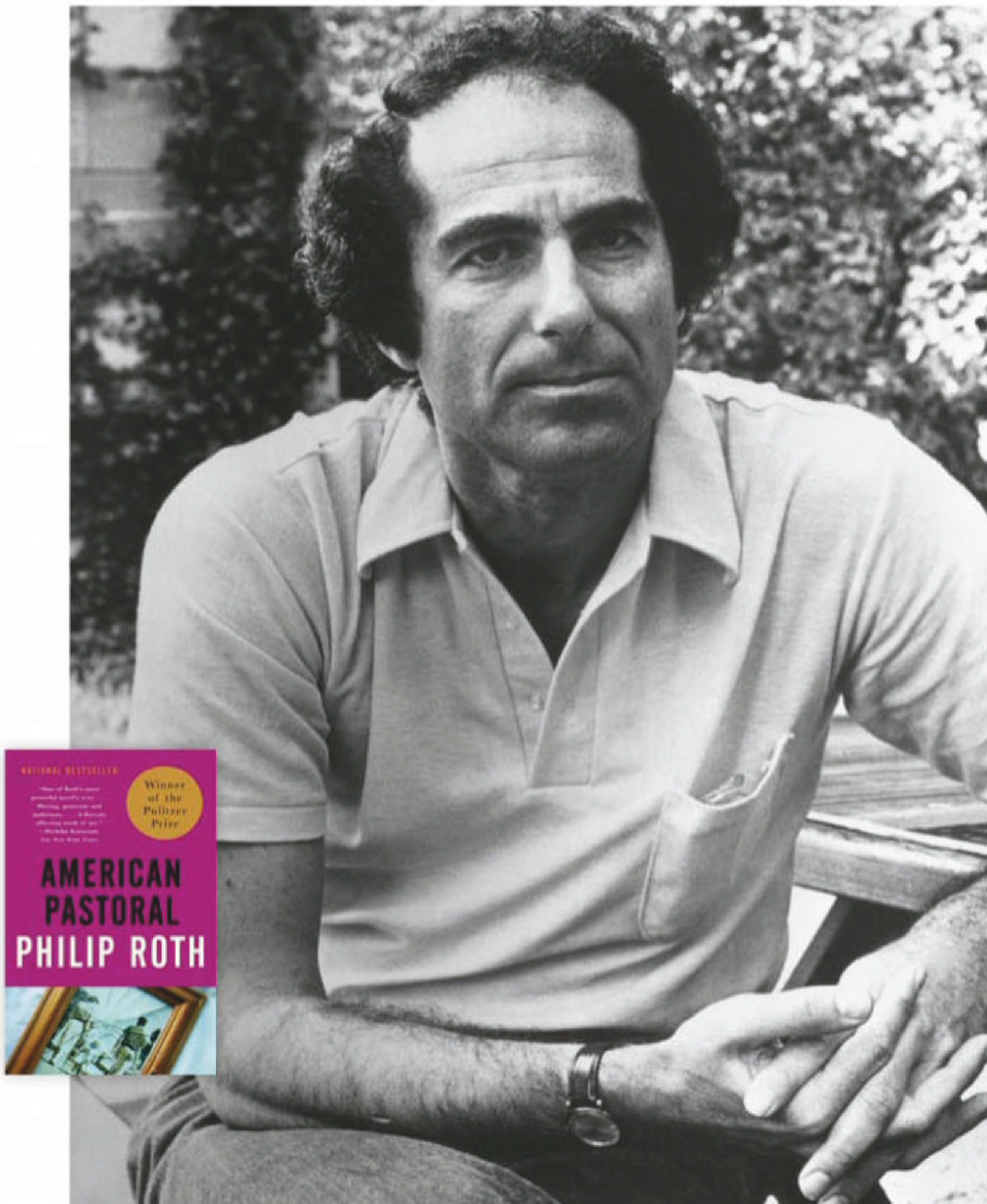
URSULA K.
LE GUIN
Wizard
of Earthsea

URSULA LE GUIN ◆ 88

Her bestselling, award-winning books like the Earthsea series and *The Left Hand of Darkness,* feature all the conventions of traditional science fiction—spaceships, warring nations, unknown aliens—but also transcend what she considered the genre's fixation with "hardware and soldiers," where "white men go forth and conquer the universe." Le Guin's work has reportedly appeared in literary anthologies more frequently than that of any other science-fiction author. Deftly she crafted her fantastical worlds to reflect issues in the real one. Calling her "one of the literary greats of the 20th century," *Handmaid's Tale* author Margaret Atwood told *The Guardian* after Le Guin's death, "Her sane, committed, annoyed, humorous, wise and always intelligent voice is much needed now."

PHILIP ROTH ◆ 85

His bawdy, confessional novels felt so searingly true to life that Roth spent his entire career battling a perception that all his works were romans à clef. "I write fiction, and I'm told it's autobiography," he griped. "I write autobiography, and I'm told it's fiction, so since I'm so dim and they're so smart, let them decide." What's beyond dispute is that Roth left behind a brilliant oeuvre. The Newark native won two National Book Awards, two National Book Critics Circle Awards and a Pulitzer Prize. And in 2013 a *New York* magazine panel of 30 of Roth's peers named him the nation's greatest writer. From 1959's *Goodbye, Columbus,* a meditation on being Jewish in the mid-20th century, to 1969's *Portnoy's Complaint*, which *The New Yorker* dubbed "one of the dirtiest books ever published," to 1997's Pulitzer-winning *American Pastoral,* Roth was a provocateur whose deep dives into masculinity were often deemed misogynistic. He had an "enormous rage and disappointment with womankind," one critic complained. The way Roth saw it, just because he wrote about men's sexual exploits, didn't mean they were his exploits. Maybe. As he told the *Paris Review*, "Concocting a half-imaginary existence out of the actual drama of my life is my life,"

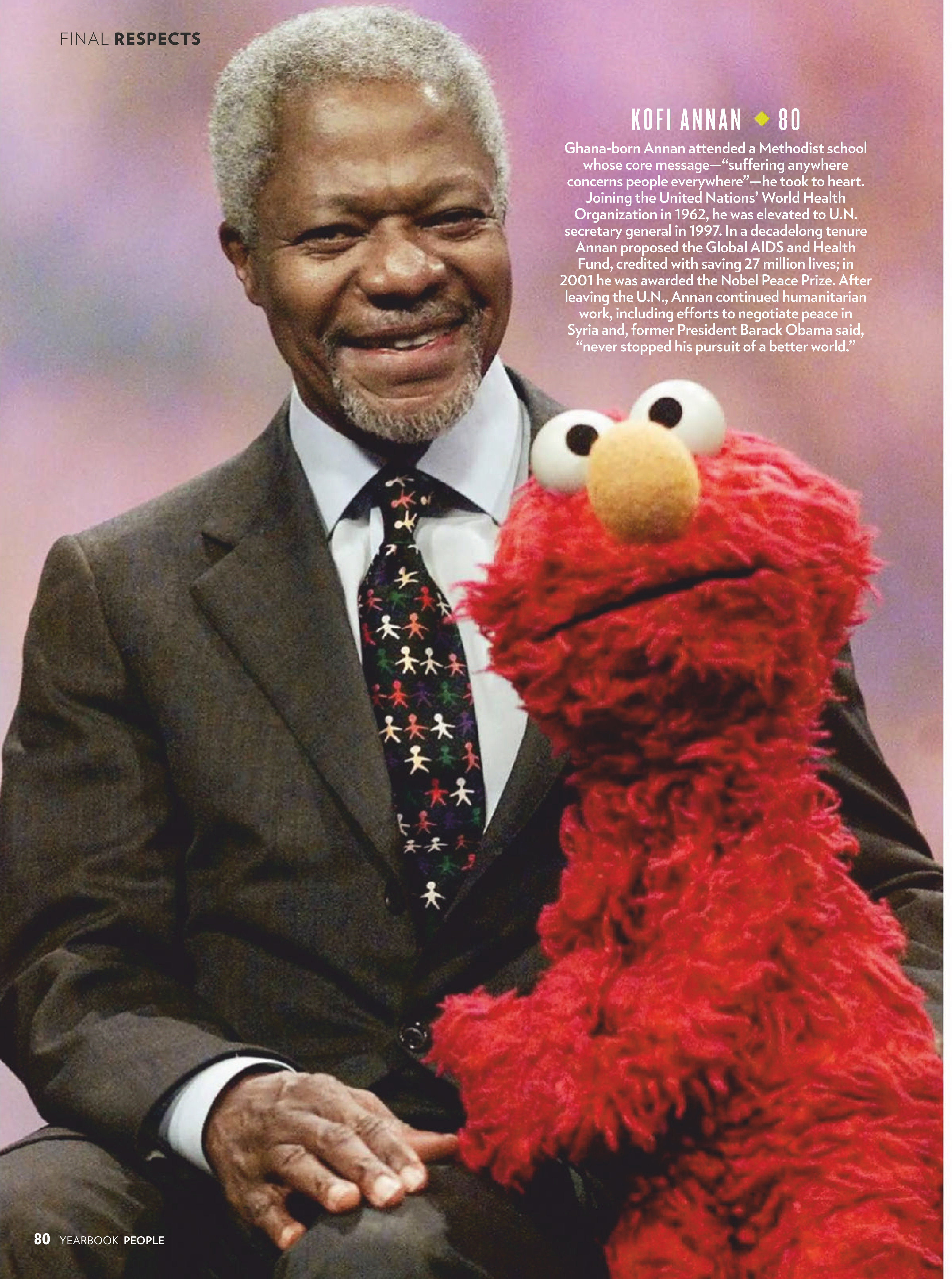


BARBARA BUSH ◆ 92

Wife of one President and mother of another, Bush always stayed grounded. "Your success…depends not on what happens in the White House, but on what happens inside *your* house," she explained. Barbara Pierce was 16 when she met George H.W. Bush at a school dance; they wed after he returned from World War II. Tragedy struck in 1953 when their 3-year-old daughter Robin died of leukemia. The stress helped turn Barbara's reddish-brown locks prematurely white, but because of the loss, she said, "George and I love every human being more." A champion of literacy, known for her trademark pearls and down-to-earth wit, she remained popular throughout political storms that buffeted her family: During George's failed bid for a second term in 1992, some voters wore buttons that read "Re-Elect Barbara's Husband."

'SHE WAS FIERCE AND FEISTY IN SUPPORT OF HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS, HER COUNTRY AND HER CAUSES. SHE SHOWED US WHAT AN HONEST, VIBRANT, FULL LIFE LOOKS LIKE'

—FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON



KOFI ANNAN ◆ 80

Ghana-born Annan attended a Methodist school whose core message—“suffering anywhere concerns people everywhere”—he took to heart. Joining the United Nations’ World Health Organization in 1962, he was elevated to U.N. secretary general in 1997. In a decadelong tenure Annan proposed the Global AIDS and Health Fund, credited with saving 27 million lives; in 2001 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. After leaving the U.N., Annan continued humanitarian work, including efforts to negotiate peace in Syria and, former President Barack Obama said, “never stopped his pursuit of a better world.”

BILLY GRAHAM ◆ 99

"America's pastor" preached to more live audiences than anyone else in history—215 million people in 185 countries and territories—reaching another 2.2 billion on radio and TV. A Baptist, Graham eschewed fire and brimstone, delivering his message of peace and love in a humble, friendly fashion. Spiritual consultant to every President from Harry Truman to Barack Obama, Graham was also a close confidant of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A 1993 diagnosis of Parkinson's disease only confirmed his faith. "Suffering is part of the human condition, and it comes to us all," he once said. "The key is how we react to it, either turning away from God in anger and bitterness or growing closer to him in trust and confidence."

WINNIE MADIKIZELA-MANDELA ◆ 81

Madikizela-Mandela's life was the sum of two very different parts. During the 27 years her husband, antiapartheid activist Nelson Mandela, was imprisoned in South Africa, the trained social worker became known as Mother of the Nation as she fought white-minority rule and worked to gain his release. However, when he gained his freedom and eventually became South Africa's president, the couple split, and she spent the next decade battling criminal charges that ranged from kidnapping to influence peddling to bank fraud. Ultimately, in 2016, she was recognized by the South African government with the Order of Luthuli for her contributions in a battle for racial justice and self-reliance that she never stopped fighting for. "If you are to free yourselves, you must break the chains of oppression yourselves," Madikizela-Mandela once said. "Only then can we express our dignity. Only when we have liberated ourselves, can we cooperate with other groups. Any acceptance of humiliation, indignity or insult is acceptance of inferiority."

STEVEN BOCHCO ◆ 74

The writer-producer of game-changing TV series like *NYPD Blue, L.A. Law, Hill Street Blues* and *Doogie Howser, M.D.* was always clear about the key ingredient in his work. There had to be trauma, and plenty of it. “Divorce, your dog dies, whatever it is,” Bochco once explained. “The consequence, in terms of people’s emotional lives and the way it resonates behaviorally for a long time, is really the stuff that interests me.” Bochco won 10 Emmys and constantly pushed the envelope—bare butts and not-ready-for-prime-time language on *NYPD Blue*; format-busting police musical *Cop Rock*. “He taught me…about our humanity, our faults and strengths,” *L.A. Law* star Corbin Bernsen tweeted after Bochco’s death. “How they survive side by side despite our human insistence on seeing them as opposing forces.”

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HILL STREET BLUES

ROBIN LEACH ◆ 76

“Nothing gets my journalistic juices flowing more than a seaside chalet, the mention of a private jet or room service in St. Tropez,” Leach explained to *People*. A celebrity reporter for Britain’s *Daily Mail,* Leach came to the U.S. from London in 1963, hiring on with New York’s *Daily News, The Star* and *People* (where he wrote the first 11 cover stories). After moving to CNN and *Entertainment Tonight,* in 1984 he launched his own series, *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*. Leach’s catchphrase “Champagne wishes and caviar dreams” captured a lifelong fascination with fame and fortune. As Leach told the Huffington Post, he remained “the kid in short pants from England whose mouth opened in awe and wonderment at the way people spent their money.”

Lifestyles of The RICH and FAMOUS
by Robin Leach
with
JUDITH RICH

JOE JACKSON ◆ 89

“I was always torn,” Michael Jackson once said of his controversial father. “On one hand, he was this horrible man; then, on the other, he was this amazing manager.” The former boxer and failed R&B musician from Gary, Ind., certainly made the most of his children’s musical talents, pushing Michael and his brothers until they hit it big as the Jackson Five while also making stars of daughters Janet and LaToya. Success came with a cost: Joe was extremely strict with his nine children, handing out beatings to anyone who had misbehaved. Michael fired him as his manager in 1979, and eventually his siblings did the same. Despite the dysfunction the kids remained loyal to their dad. “We wouldn’t want to be raised any other way,” Jermaine told ABC News. “It’s hard raising nine kids, bringing them from Indiana out here…that was his whole thing, wanting to keep his family together. And if he didn’t do anything else, he brought us out, he taught us everything we knew about becoming what we became.”

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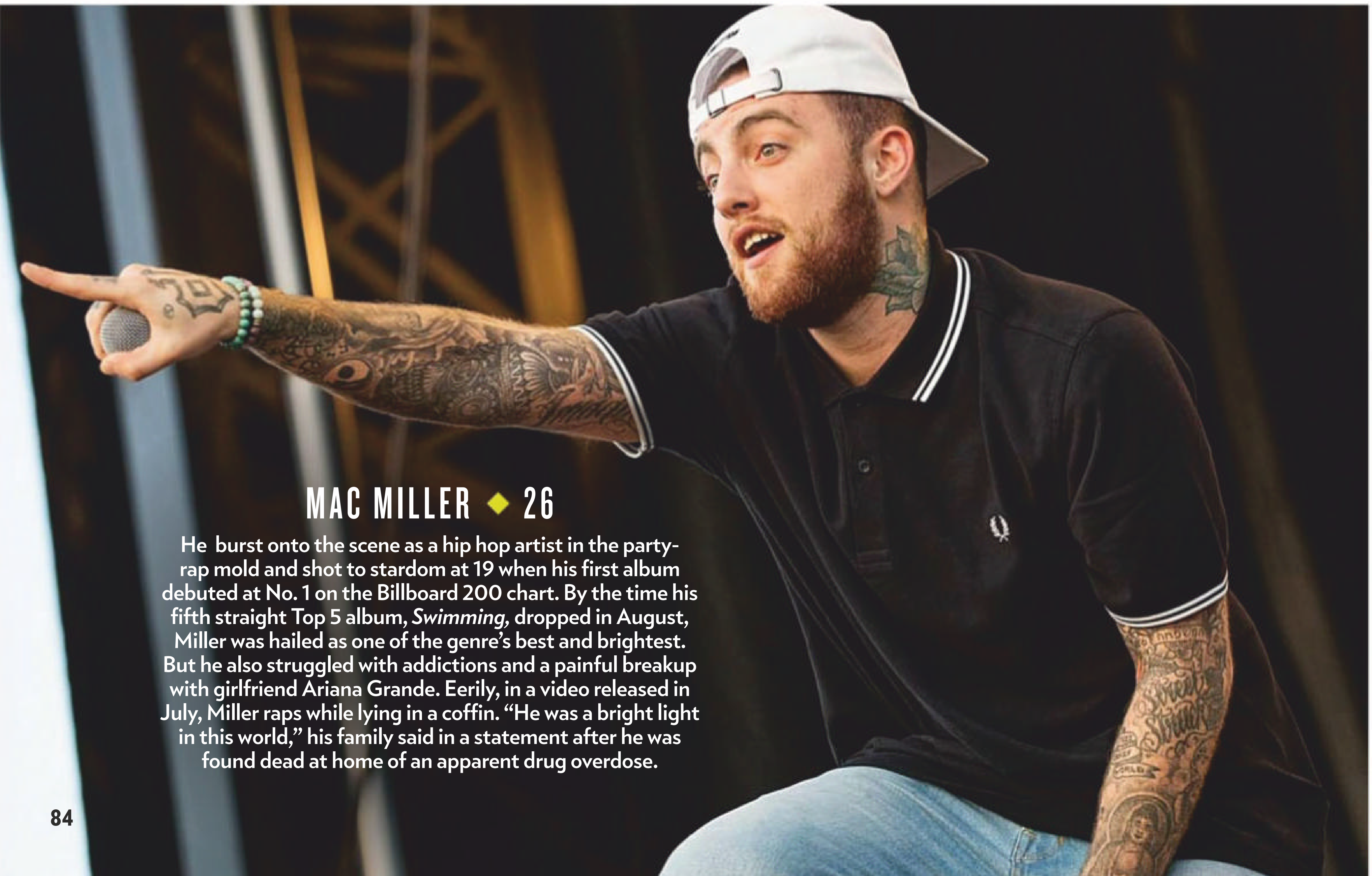
MITZI SHORE ◆ 87

Owner of legendary West Hollywood club the Comedy Store, Shore helped launch the likes of David Letterman, Richard Pryor, Garry Shandling and Jim Carrey. “Mitzi was the queen,” comedian Marc Maron told *The New York Times*. “All you wanted was her approval, and you were terrified of not getting it.” Having opened her hangout in 1972 with then-husband Sammy Shore, she took over after their divorce, envisioning it as “a school,or a boxer’s gym” for stand-ups to “develop their skills and to get them seen by supportive comedy crowds, as well as by TV and movie people.” Promoting any performer she believed in, Shore was “a comedy godmother,” her comedian son Pauly wrote on her death. “We’d be nothing without you and your guidance.”

HUGH MASEKELA ◆ 78

In 1950 an 11-year old South African boy saw his destiny on the silver screen: *Young Man with a Horn,* starring Kirk Douglas as a trumpet player who could express anything with his instrument. Ten years later Masekela was discovered by singers Miriam Makeba and Harry Belafonte, who helped him get a trumpet scholarship at the Manhattan School of Music (he and Makeba later married and divorced). In 1968 Masekela's infectious instrumental "Grazing in the Grass" made him an international star. He was also a fierce opponent of apartheid, expressed in songs like "Soweto Blues" and "Bring Him Back Home," which demanded the release of the imprisoned Nelson Mandela. Masekela toured widely, but wherever he played he never strayed from his roots. "I've got to where I am in life not because of something I brought to the world but through something I found," he wrote in *The Guardian.* "The wealth of African culture."

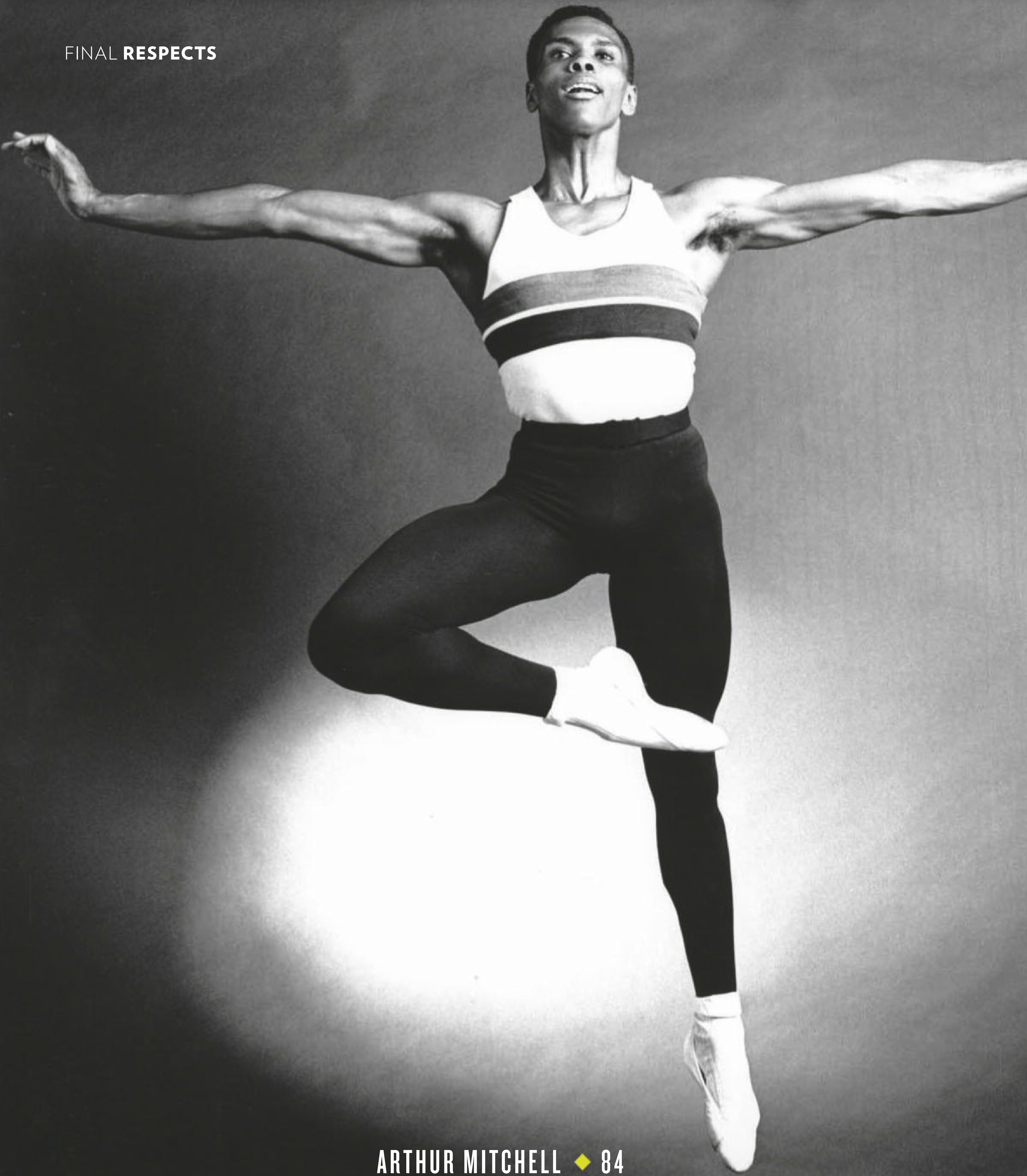


MAC MILLER ◆ 26

He burst onto the scene as a hip hop artist in the party-rap mold and shot to stardom at 19 when his first album debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart. By the time his fifth straight Top 5 album, *Swimming,* dropped in August, Miller was hailed as one of the genre's best and brightest. But he also struggled with addictions and a painful breakup with girlfriend Ariana Grande. Eerily, in a video released in July, Miller raps while lying in a coffin. "He was a bright light in this world," his family said in a statement after he was found dead at home of an apparent drug overdose.

DELORES O'RIORDAN ◆ 46

O'Riordan's haunting vocals helped make Irish rock band the Cranberries an international success, but the pain flowing through her voice was all too real: O'Riordan was scarred by childhood sexual abuse. "You think it's your own fault. You have this terrible self-loathing," she told the *Belfast Telegraph*. "Then I got famous when I was 18.…It was even harder then." Even as the Cranberries had success with 1990s hits like "Linger," "Dreams" and "Zombie," O'Riordan coped with anorexia and bipolar disorder. In 2013 she attempted suicide. More recently she seemed to have rebounded; her death was ruled an accidental drowning in the bath while intoxicated. "She had such strength of conviction," tweeted fellow Irish band U2 after her death. "Yet she could speak to the fragility in all of us."



ARTHUR MITCHELL ◆ 84

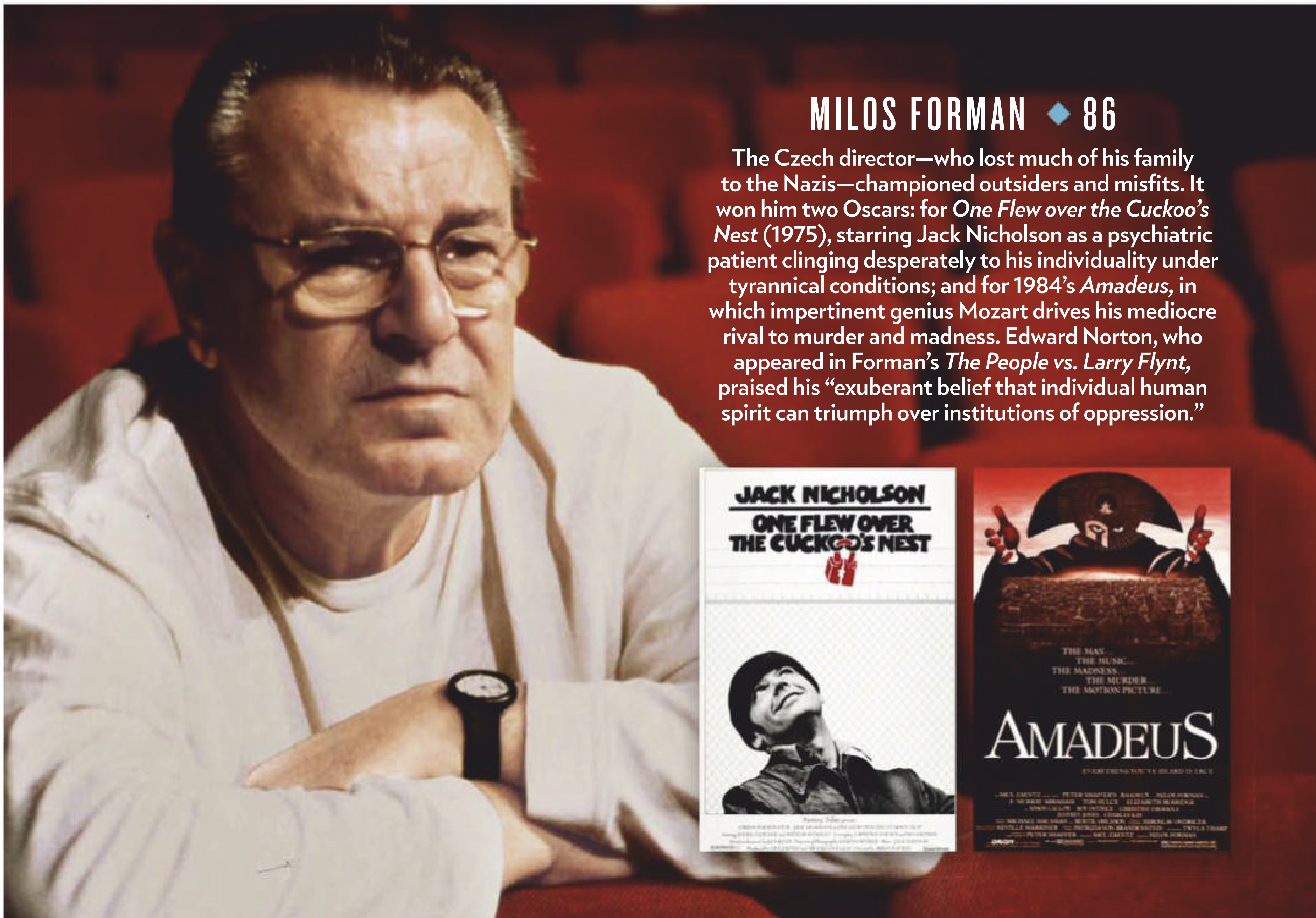
When he debuted with George Balanchine's New York City Ballet in 1955, the son of a Harlem building super heard gasps from the audience and someone blurt a racial epithet. Mitchell riposted with fluid grace and a dazzling artistry that won international acclaim. After 15 years he began a new career, starting a dance school in a church basement that grew into the renowned Dance Theatre of Harlem. "Someone decided that black people lacked the right physique for ballet," Mitchell told *People*. "But black children come in different shapes and sizes. It's training and technique that make dancers—not skin color."

ROGER BANNISTER ◆ 88

The most remarkable thing about the first man in history to a run a mile in less than four minutes: Running was merely his hobby. British track star Bannister competed for Oxford University and always assumed that his athletic career would end as soon as he graduated. But after a fourth-place finish in the 1952 Olympics, he made it his dream to break the four-minute barrier. “It [was] rather like Everest,” Bannister said, “a challenge for the human spirit.” On May 6, 1954, before 3,000 spectators at Oxford’s Iffley Road track, he achieved his dream, completing the course in 3 minutes, 59.4 seconds. Then Bannister got on with something that mattered even more to him: becoming a distinguished neurologist. One of the textbooks he wrote, *Brain and Bannister’s Clinical Neurology,* would go through seven editions. Just because you’re a good runner, he once quipped, “you don’t have to make the rest of your life boring.”

MILOS FORMAN ◆ 86

The Czech director—who lost much of his family to the Nazis—championed outsiders and misfits. It won him two Oscars: for *One Flew over the Cuckoo’s Nest* (1975), starring Jack Nicholson as a psychiatric patient clinging desperately to his individuality under tyrannical conditions; and for 1984’s *Amadeus,* in which impertinent genius Mozart drives his mediocre rival to murder and madness. Edward Norton, who appeared in Forman’s *The People vs. Larry Flynt,* praised his “exuberant belief that individual human spirit can triumph over institutions of oppression.”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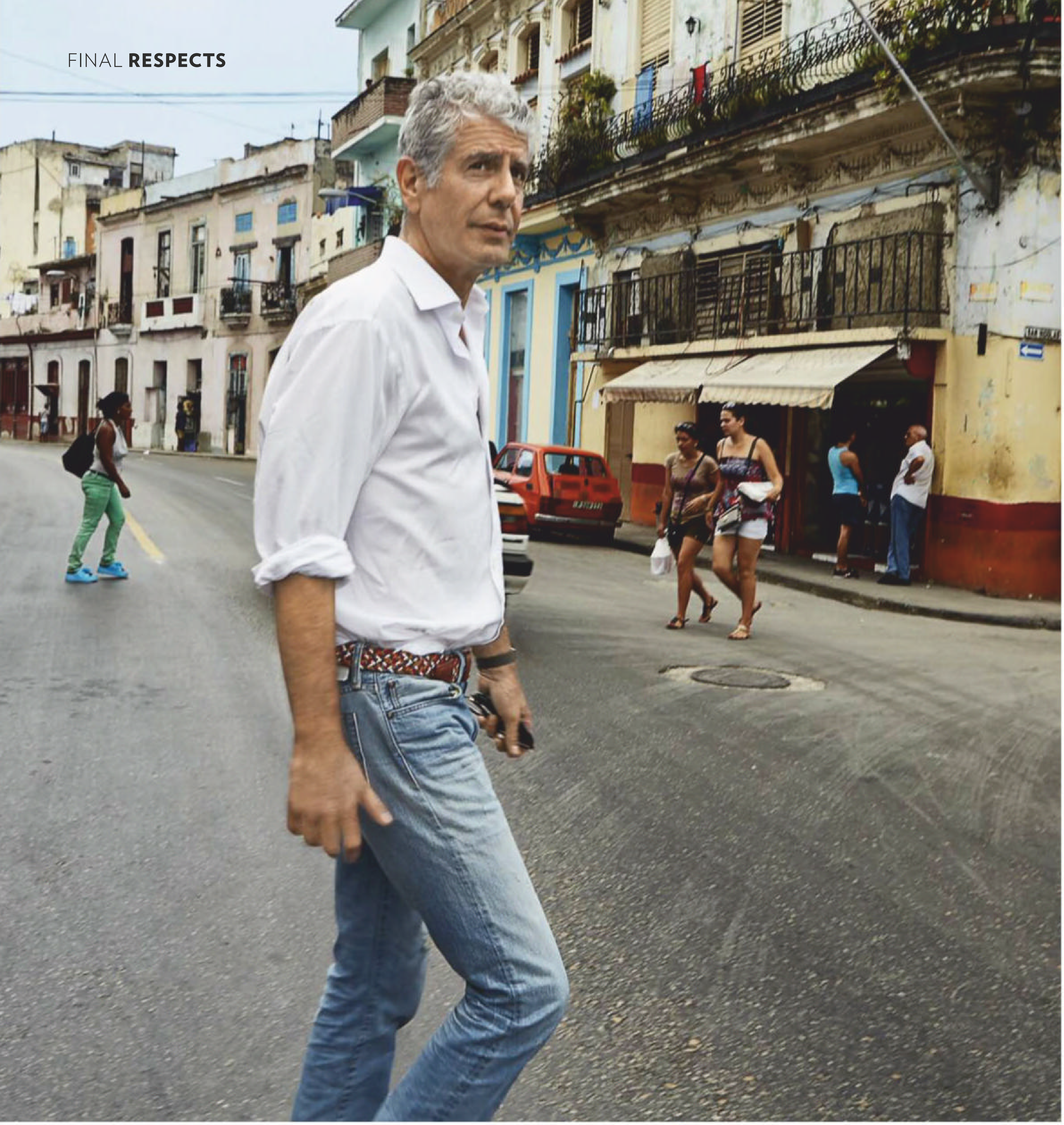


ANTHONY BOURDAIN ◆ 61

Nobody had a more insatiable appetite for both food and life. Whether dining on raw seal eyeballs with the Inuits or rolling around Libya in a car filled with military weapons, Bourdain was constantly pushing boundaries. “I may not be the smartest guy in the world, but I am constitutionally incapable of doing the same thing over and over again,” he told the docuseries *Biography.* “Life’s short, man, and I have a restless mind.” The college dropout from New Jersey, self-described as a “miserable, self-destructive lout,” struggled during his 20s and 30s with drug abuse and empty bank accounts as he tried to find work as a chef. Everything changed in his 40s, though, when Bourdain’s memoir *Kitchen Confidential* became a bestseller. That led to television series, including the Travel Channel’s *No Reservations* and, later, CNN’s Emmy-winning *Parts Unknown,* featuring a globe-trotting Bourdain discovering places most TV cameras never dared to go. Often he was exploring with special guests, like the time he hit a noodle joint in Vietnam with Barack Obama. “He taught us about food, but more importantly about its ability to bring us together,” the former President tweeted after Bourdain killed himself in a French hotel room in June. “To make us a little less afraid of the unknown.”

STEPHEN HAWKING ◆ 76

Ranked with Einstein as a theoretical physicist, Hawking was diagnosed with the degenerative neurological disease ALS at 21. Nevertheless, the Brit became a scientific sensation thanks to his research on the big bang theory. Even when he'd lost the power of speech and communicated with the aid of a computer, Hawking's ability to explain the cosmos in a down-to-earth way earned him a huge popular following; his 1988 book *A Brief History of Time* was an international bestseller. Eddie Redmayne, who picked up an Oscar channeling Hawking in the 2014 biopic *The Theory of Everything,* came away starstruck by the man he'd portrayed. "Although he can move only a few muscles," Redmayne told the *Independent,* "he sort of emanates this vitality and humor." Hawking summed up his worldview to *The New York Times* in 2004: "Life would be tragic if it weren't funny."

OLIVIA COLE ◆ 75

She won an Emmy for TV's *Roots,* the 1977 slavery epic seen by 100 million viewers. Living in Mexico the latter half of her life, Cole gave Shakespeare readings for 35 years.

VERNE TROYER ◆ 49

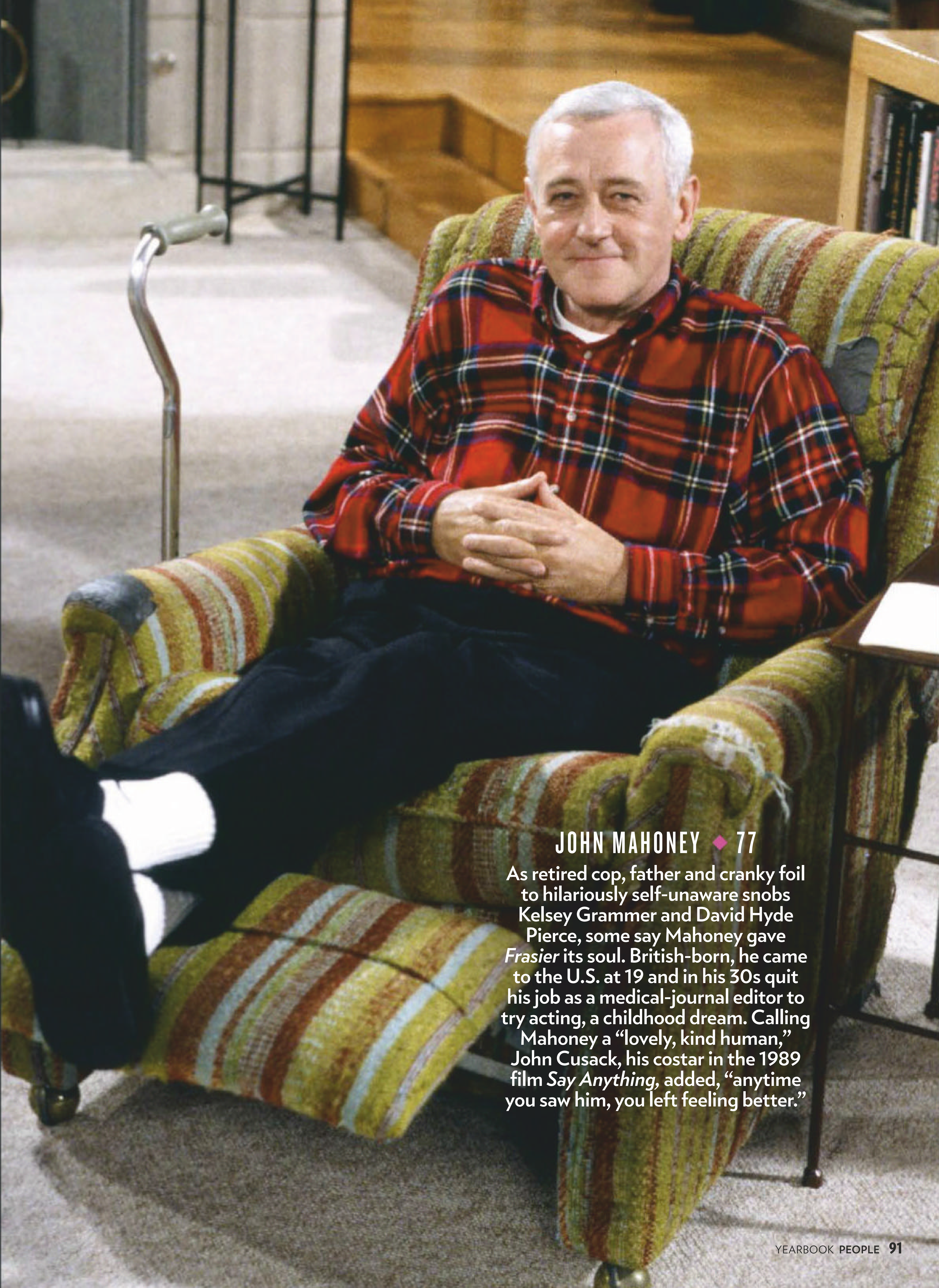
Immortalized as Austin Powers's Mini-Me, the 2′8″ actor "never looked at my size as a handicap," he said. But he did resent pats on the head: "I'm not a lapdog. I'm a person."

HARRY ANDERSON ◆ 65

Like *Night Court*'s whimsical judge, he was a magician. But for his greatest trick, the real-life former street con artist transformed himself into a prime-time TV star.

BARBARA HARRIS ◆ 83

With Mike Nichols, Elaine May and Ed Asner, the Tony winner was one of the pioneers at Chicago's Compass Players, the first improv group in the U.S.



JOHN MAHONEY ◆ 77

As retired cop, father and cranky foil to hilariously self-unaware snobs Kelsey Grammer and David Hyde Pierce, some say Mahoney gave *Frasier* its soul. British-born, he came to the U.S. at 19 and in his 30s quit his job as a medical-journal editor to try acting, a childhood dream. Calling Mahoney a “lovely, kind human,” John Cusack, his costar in the 1989 film *Say Anything,* added, “anytime you saw him, you left feeling better.”

CHARLOTTE RAE ◆ 92

As Edna Garrett in *Diff'rent Strokes* (with Gary Coleman) and *The Facts of Life,* Rae ladled out warmth and wisdom like so much chicken soup for the soul. "I want to tell everybody to celebrate every day," she wrote in her 2015 memoir, "be good to yourself, [and] then you can be good to others."

CLINT WALKER ◆ 90

The 6'6" star of TV's *Cheyenne* (1955-63) was an ex-lawman discovered while working security at the Sands in Vegas. Hollywood paid better, he said, "plus the bullets aren't real!"

BILL DAILY ◆ 91

Larry Hagman's best bud in *I Dream of Jeannie,* he reprised the type on *The Bob Newhart Show* as a neighbor of the star (his real-life friend and fellow Chicagoan).

TAB HUNTER ◆ 86

The ’50s matinee idol starred in more than 25 films (*Battle Cry, Polyester*) and came out as gay in a 2005 memoir, opening up about his romance with Anthony Perkins.

NANETTE FABRAY ◆ 97

A vaudevillian at 4, she won a Tony Award and three Emmys for TV, which she liked doing live, calling it “a form of insanity, [like] make-believe games that you played as a child.”

CAROLE SHELLEY ◆ 79

Best known as one of *The Odd Couple*’s giddy Pigeon sisters, she won a Tony for *The Elephant Man* and originated the role of *Wicked*’s sinister Madame Morrible.

JERRY VAN DYKE ◆ 86

“I’m sick of Dick riding my coattails,” the *Coach* star joked in 1994 after his far more famous older brother made a guest appearance. “I just can’t prop up his career forever.”

MARGOT KIDDER ◆ 69

Soaring to stardom as Lois Lane to Christopher Reeve's Man of Steel in 1978's *Superman,* Kidder should have been flying high. Instead the smoky-voiced actress crashed amid crippling anxiety and panic. By 1996 she'd endured three divorces and a car accident that left her with a severe back injury and serious debt. Homeless and suffering from bipolar disorder, Kidder hit bottom when she was found wandering dazed in a stranger's yard. With treatment she became an advocate for mental-health issues and returned to acting, remaining philosophical about her misfortunes. "With any group of people in life, sad things happen, and crazy things and happy things," she once said. Apparently the sad things overcame Kidder, whose fatal drug-and-alcohol overdose was ruled a suicide.

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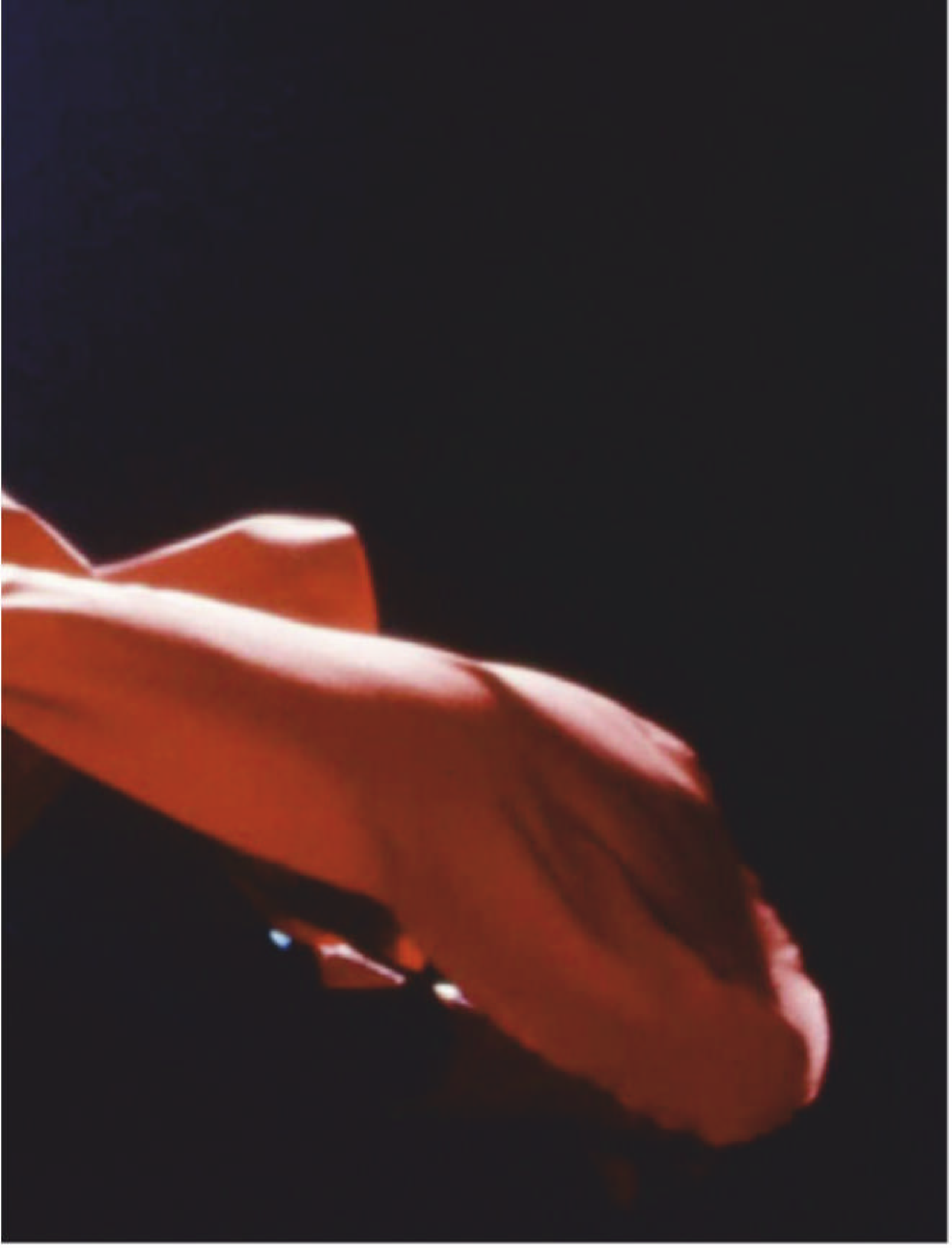

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BURT REYNOLDS ◆ 82

Everything we loved about Reynolds was in his cackle—spontaneous, honest, self-effacing. With a winking swagger and a series of ’70s hits, such as *Deliverance, Hooper, Smokey and the Bandit* and *The Cannonball Run,* he became America’s top box office draw. There were bumps—that infamous nude photo spread in *Cosmo,* a string of failed relationships and a career slump. But Burt rebounded in the ’90s with an Emmy for *Evening Shade* and an Oscar nod for *Boogie Nights* and never lost the laugh. “We’re only here for a little while,” he told *The New York Times* this year, “and you’ve got to have some fun, right?”